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CHINA AND THE LEAGUE

"Britain Regrets Grave Disorders in Palestine"

THE PEACE PACT

The British Foreign Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, in addressing the delegates at the League Council at Geneva yesterday, welcomed the recent speech of Dr. Wu, in which the Chinese delegate said that China would cordially co-operate in the work of disarmament. Mr. Henderson spoke of the "great Chinese people," and expressed the earnest hope that China would collaborate with the League of Nations in its work of pacification.

Referring to the Palestine disorders, Mr. Henderson said that the British Government profoundly regretted these grave and unfortunate occurrences. The Government, however, had no intention of reconsidering its tenure in Palestine.

All those under arrest in connection with the outbreaks would be tried by the ordinary Courts, and not by Martial Law.

OUR TENURE TO REMAIN

Speaking before the League Council to-day, Mr. Arthur Henderson expressed pleasure at the recent speech of the Chinese delegate, and said that the British delegation welcomed what he said, and looked forward with encouragement and help to the collaboration of the great Chinese people with the active operations of the League.

In the debate at the Assembly on the report of the League's work, Dr. C. C. Wu, first Chinese delegate, said that China was a most powerful and peace-loving nation, and would cordially co-operate in the work of disarmament. Speaking of disarmament, he said that China had learned in the past that a peaceful nation which did not protect itself against aggression did not get peace, but invited further aggression.

Events in Palestine

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the British Foreign Secretary, addressing the League Council, on the events in Palestine, said that the British Government regarded the Mandate as a trusteeship. It most profoundly regretted the grave and unfortunate incidents which had occurred. It was difficult to offer a full examination of the causes of the disturbances until order was more completely restored. He hesitated to say that the disorders were definitely ended, but it might be said that the situation had been kept in hand, but he emphasised that martial law was not in force. The participants in the disturbances were being tried in the ordinary courts.

Mr. Henderson declared that the British Government had no intention of reconsidering the tenure of the British Mandate in Palestine, and repeated the verbatim statements made in that connection and the scope of the enquiry as embodied in the Colonial Office communiqué.

[The Colonial Office announced that a Commission of Enquiry will proceed to Palestine this month to enquire into the immediate causes of the recent outbreaks, including the extent to which they may be regarded as preconcerted, or due to organised action. The Colonial Office stated that there is no idea of reconsidering the British tenure of the Palestine mandate. No enquiry is contemplated which might alter Great Britain's position in regard to the mandate, or the policy laid down by the Balfour Declaration. The enquiry now initiated, therefore, will be limited to the immediate emergency. When the report is received the Government will earnestly consider along what lines, within the terms of the mandate, their future policy in Palestine should be directed.]

Disorders in Syria

Mr. Briand declared that the French Government had taken the necessary measures to prevent an aggravation of disorders from the Syrian side. He did not think there would be a recrudescence of the trouble.—Reuter.

BRITISH LOSSES?

Conflicting Reports From Palestine

London, Yesterday. The Colonial Office states that there is no confirmation of unofficial reports which have been circulated to the effect that an engagement has taken place at Gaza, in which British forces were alleged to have been in action against Bedouins from Sinai Peninsula, and to have suffered heavy losses. On the contrary, later official reports from the same area indicate that all is quiet there.

The People's Welfare

At a meeting of the League of Nations Council at Geneva, Mr. Poincaré, the French Foreign Minister, who reported on the Mandates, referred to the disturbances in Palestine and said

POLICE SERGEANT'S SUICIDE

BLEW BRAINS OUT!

TRAGIC AFFAIR IN CENTRAL STATION

SERVICE REVOLVER USED

Sergeant J. A. Dyerson, of the Hong Kong Police, committed suicide at about half past eight this morning. His action is mystifying in that no motive can be adduced.

Shortly before the tragic event, Sergeant Dyerson, who was on the "Reserve staff" of the Criminal Investigation Department, had his breakfast as usual, prior to going on duty at about 9 o'clock. His quarters are on the top floor of the old wing in Central Station, where reside a number of junior European officers. From here a bridge leads to a new block between the Station and Victoria Jail, where there is a lavatory.

Sgt. Dyerson was found in the lavatory when he was still breathing, but he succumbed on the way to hospital. A bullet had pierced the right temple and come out of the other side of the head.

On Leave Recently

Joining the Force in December, 1923, when he was 25 years of age, Sgt. Dyerson was 30 at the time of his death. In June, 1924, he was promoted Lance-Sergeant. He served on the Criminal Investigation Department at Headquarters, returning a little over a month ago, when he resumed duty in the same branch. He was then appointed acting Detective Police-Sergeant.

Sgt. Dyerson had always been of a quiet disposition and appeared to be reserved, even towards colleagues. But there was no financial nor departmental trouble which might have preyed on his mind. He is described by superiors as a very efficient Police officer and was both liked and respected. His unfortunate death is regretted by all ranks in the Force.

Varied Career

A native of Stepney, Sgt. Dyerson is known to have seen service during the Great War. He had a varied career and was in the Police of Palestine and also at one time in the Royal Irish Constabulary. His "trade" on joining the Hong Kong Police was given as that of perfumer. He was not married.

As a European detective officer, he carried, as is usual, a standard .38 (long) revolver, which was the weapon he used to end his life. At the time of writing, it could not be ascertained whether an inquest will be held but the time of the funeral has been fixed for 4 p.m. to-morrow.

LOCAL ESTATES

CAPTAIN INNES, FORMERLY OF TAIKOO

LEAVES \$96,800 HERE

Captain Robert Innes, some time Marine Superintendent in Hong Kong of the China Navigation Co., Ltd. (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire), who died at St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, New Jersey, U.S.A. on January 27, 1929, left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$96,800. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Mrs. Anna Innes. From 1913 until Captain Innes retired last year, he and his wife lived in Hong Kong. In 1929 they went to London and then, early this year, crossed over to the United States of America, where Captain Innes died.

Big Chinese Estate
Mr. Lau Yu-fong, alias Lau Shung-wah, who died on September 21, 1927, at No. 14, Granville-road, Kowloon, left \$494,000. The sole executrix is Lau Fuk-chi, combeine of No. 7, Wyndham-street, who is also sole beneficiary.

Formerly of Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A., Mr. Charlie Tom, alias Tom Wat-fong, alias Quong Kim Kee, alias Quong Kim, who died on country in May, 1927, left \$38,600 in Hong Kong. This is bequeathed to his son, Mr. Hom Lee, No. 63, Bonham-strand East.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended August 24 amounted to 78,940 tons, and the sales during the period to 60,814 tons.

MURDER SEQUEL

TAIPO PRISONER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

HUNG BY SINGLET IN CELL

Accused of murdering a clansman at Pingchau, Taiipo, a Chinese prisoner who appeared before the Police Magistrate yesterday, attempted to commit suicide in his cell in the small hours of this morning.

As he was on remand, he wore his own clothing in the detention cells in Taiipo Police Station. He tore up his singlet with which he suspended himself by the neck, from the ground, but was seen in time by Police officers on duty.

Artificial respiration was successfully resorted to and the man was transferred to Victoria Jail this morning. It was the intention to commit him for trial at the September Criminal Sessions. The alleged murder was committed on August 7 and the prisoner was arrested some days later.

ROUGH WEATHER

REPORTS OF STEAMERS JUST ARRIVED

In regard to the typhoon, which did not come within 300 miles of Hong Kong, the s.s. "Chinhua," a British vessel from Haiphong reports that she encountered rough weather during her voyage from Hanoi to this port. She arrived here this morning at 7 o'clock. The s.s. "Michael Jensen" reports "Strong easterly winds. Heavy swell." She entered port yesterday at 7.45 p.m. from Swatow.

"FINE GENERALLY"

"N.E. winds, moderate; fine generally" is the forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

At 10.58 a.m. to-day the Royal Observatory, Kowloon, reported: "The anti-cyclone now covers South Manchuria and North Japan. A depression lies over Indo-China and a typhoon or depression is situated near Naha, moving N.N.W." The American Consulate-General has received the telegram quoted below from the Manila Observatory: "Friday, 9 p.m.—Cyclone or Typhoon S.E. of Naha, moving N. or N.E."

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The Cantonese Class at the University has been carried on for 2½ years, and is now entering upon its sixth term, and advertisements in our columns draw attention to the occasion.

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In these days every one knows the value of knowledge of the language of a place in which he may be living, and residents here should all acquire a knowledge of Cantonese, and thus get into friendly relations with the people.

MRS. DA SILVA

FUNERAL AT ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

The death occurred at her residence at No. 1 Victory Avenue, Homunth on Thursday evening of Mrs. A. H. M. da Silva, at the advanced age of 74. She was the widow of Mr. A. H. M. da Silva, who predeceased her about seven months ago. She leaves two sons and four grandsons to mourn her loss.

The funeral took place yesterday evening at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, at Happy Valley. The Rev. Father Spade officiated and there was a large number of relatives and friends present.

A large number of floral tributes were sent.

It is ordered that the Head of the Sanitary Department, or any officer deputed by him in that behalf, shall be the competent authority and he is empowered to deal with any nuisance under section 162 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, as enacted by the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1927—Section 162 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, relates to water closets and water-flushed urinals.

GREAT SCHNEIDER TROPHY RACE

THE GOLDEN ARROW

MUCH ACTIVITY AT CALSHOT AIR STATION

BRITAIN TO RETAIN TITLE?

London, Yesterday. In the glare of electric lights half-naked men were seen toiling in almost tropical heat all night long at Calshot Air Station.

They were engineers and mechanics, feverishly preparing the British and Italian Schneider machines in readiness for tests of their seaworthiness, which started at 7 a.m.

The seaplanes must taxi so far, take off and alight so many times, and then be moored so long.

Some British "Hopes"

London, Later. Engineers and mechanics working on the Gloster-Napier monoplane "Golden Arrow," of which so much was expected, were most disappointed after a night's toil preparing her for this morning's trials to find their efforts to overcome the petrol-feeding trouble fruitless. Hence she will only be the reserve for the race.

The other British representatives, the Rolls-Royce Supermarine S6, and Supermarine Napier S5 (the last-mentioned piloted by Flight-Lieut. D'Arcy Greig) were wheeled out for trials, followed by two Italian machines, Macchi 52 and Macchi 67.

The Italians have only flown one of the new Macchis and had to effect repairs at night to get Major Bernhardt's machine ready for the trials.

The Final Tests

Three British and three Italian machines have successfully emerged from the taking off and alighting tests, and are now moored to buoys for six hours for the seaworthiness tests.—Reuter.

TROPHY THRILLS

Prince of Wales Witness Trials

London, Yesterday. Six British and Italian seaplanes, which will compete for the Schneider trophy to-morrow, successfully passed the preliminary tests to-day. The British planes went through the trials without accident, but there were thrills when it was seen that the second Italian machine, "New Macchi," piloted by Lieutenant Monti, had failed to rise at the first attempt. When the plane rose at the second attempt both British and Italians joined in ringing cheers.

Six machines later successfully completed their tests for seaworthiness. They were afterwards towed in from the buoys to which they had been fastened, taken up the slipway, and brought ashore and placed in guarded hangars.

Experts predict perfect weather conditions for the event. "Sea and wind slight, visibility good," is their forecast for to-morrow. The Prince of Wales flew down to Calshot from London and saw the trials.—British Wireless Service.

ANCIENT AFRICA

RUINS OF AN UNKNOWN RACE

Professor Frobenius, who is studying the Zimbabwe ruins, believes that the ruins were the centre of an ancient civilisation in the area between Lake Nyassa and Basutoland.

The professor considers that this race understood mining and had a remarkable knowledge of geology and minerals. Beautifully constructed shafts were sunk, and he is certain that nickel and bronze were found, and probably exported to Egypt and Samaria. He is convinced that the ruins discovered could not possibly be fortresses, because they are easy of access on all sides. The smith's work was regarded as sacred, and the finding of crucibles and implements suggests that the buildings housed metal-workers.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Mr. William James Carrie resumed duty as Head of the Sanitary Department and Registrar of Births and Deaths on September 1.

Mr. Edward Lewis Agassiz resumed duty as Official Receiver in Bankruptcy and Registrar of Trade Marks and Letters Patent on September 2. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Alexander William George Harder Grantham to be a Police Magistrate, with effect from September 5.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse

The principal age of man is college.

The "Kau Sing" has been causing some confusion.

The local coal industry is not so black as it was.

The chewing gum industry ought to do well in Manchewria.

These water polo players are still making a splash in the Colony.

There is never a lack of lakhs when a rich man passes away.

The Budget figures are staggering.—Cannot the Police arrest them?

A localised version of well known Scottish air: "Ye Bonnie Banks of L. S. Dee."

Whilst worshipping in a temple in Tin Hau Street a Chinese woman had her pocket picked.—Bad joss, indeed.

People who are "struck dumb" at the most trifling of "sensational" news are ineligible to join the Philharmonic Society.

Not observed heretofore that the much postponed Volunteer concert has now been fixed for the 18th?—Isn't that "asking for it?"

The agenda for the Football Council on Tuesday includes "Clubs officialised for the year 1929-30."—Is this a Dutch distinction?

With wonderful celerity a contemporary was enabled on September 4 to publish (exclusively of course) a Harbin cable of September 5.

An amah named Ho Ho figured in a Court case as a witness, the Police stating that it was with difficulty she could be induced to attend.—Ho, ho!

The C.A.A. swimming events will not be decided over 100 metres, either gas or otherwise, in spite of a notice to the contrary in a morning paper.

Mr. M. K. Lo, as an elected member of the Sanitary Board is aggrieved because he does not yet sit on a Committee.—When he does will he be aggrieved if the ratepayers sit on him?

The orthodox way for some subordinate officials in Government Departments when answering the telephone is to "ring off" when they can't give an intelligent reply.—The mentality of them!

A newcomer entered a wine merchants' shop to enquire where a certain Bank was situated; only to be told they stocked all kinds of brands.—But 'twas a draft and not a draught that was required.

Rather regrettable to hear, on the authority of the senior morning paper, that Belgium tribes are starting to march on Palestine.—Praps they want to raise a loan from the Jews before it's too late.

A Wolverhampton supporter denies that his pets were beaten last Saturday by the Wednesday, as reported in a local morning paper on Wednesday. The Pompey boys admit that they were the vanquished.

A local sheet describes Tsing-tao at the foot of a photo that might have been taken anywhere, as "the first health resort in the Far East."—Praps that's where all its revenue from advertising and subscriptions comes from.

An observant reporter was able to report that the K.O.S.B. Band arrived "with their instalments" to see Capt. Dobbie and the Master of Napier off.—Fancy suggesting that Scots Bandmen give parting greetings by instalments!

A contemporary's "Diary" mislaid a number of people interested in the English Association to trek to the Cathedral Hall on Monday afternoon, only to find the "Phil" in full possession. The intruders made a speedy exit and sang a different tune.

When the Government makes up its mind it simply won't Bud-et.

We hope to help the Government to spend \$22,031,479 next year.

A paper found it worthy of mention that a baby was born in a Chinese hospital without legs.

No mention is made of the number of folk born without brains.

A garage in Kowloon is called "Sing Hop Long."—Why not Sing-Hop Along?

A few deals in "arms" may be expected soon—the dance season is not far off.

The Netherlands Indies has declared Hong Kong infected with plague.—Rats!

The Colonial Secretary may be said to have cut a fine figure during his Budget speech.

Wire pulling may be done in politics but not in houses in course of construction in Kowloon.

Offenders in lottery cases are said always to have their fines paid by a syndicate.—Syndicated sin!

A Chinese who ran across the road was knocked down by a Guy bus.—What was the guy thinking about?

"Twenty shells were fired at the building and some hit the mark."—German exchange has been weak since.

"Where there is water there is danger"—And when there is something in the water there is more danger.

An upright man who was a downright good friend has left the Colony in the person of Mr. A. E. Wright.

The weaving of grass cloth has been on the decline in Kwangtung.—And so the supply of grass widows is on the ebb.

An "infectious" smile was unearthed by a scribe in the Kowloon Court during the week.—'Tis not a notifiable disease.

Head lines in juxtaposition in a local paper: Trafficers in Children. The Week's Sport.

The authorities at Kai Tack have to cope with folk who steal coping stones.—When they're copied by the cops they cop it.

The Mayor of Chicago is thinking of copying the "cattle pen" system of buses at Kowloon Point for "the greatest city in the world."

Many conscientious office workers in Kowloon were disappointed that the typhoon alarm gave no chance of a half holiday during the week.

The K.O. Scottish B. gave Captain Dobbie and the Master of Napier three hearty cheers and a "tiger."—The Battalion is now so much the poorer.

Why should it surprise many to hear that the total sum expended by the Water Control Office amounted to only \$182,147?—Pass along the balance sheet, please!

Aviation is becoming increasingly popular in the Civil Service judging by the number of flying visits paid to their offices in the course of a single day.

A purser was jointly instrumental in effecting the arrest of a Chinese bag snatcher in Burd Street.—But for him and an Indian school boy the b-u-r-r-d might have flown.

The Sanitary Board opposed the opening of wells and the Government opened them.—Now that the Sanitary Board has opposed their closing the Government will likely close them!

The absolute scarcity of "news" in the Colony is emphasised by a Singapore paper giving prominence in a "Hong Kong Letter" to a "Wave of Suicide in Ceylon" and a "Bias Bay Pirate Chased."

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DEFRAUDING REVENUE

Report Of Superintendent Of Imports

WOMEN SMUGGLERS' CLEVER TRICKS

The net Revenue collected was \$1,844,060.99, including licence fees, Chinese Spirit showing an increase of \$184,691.68. European liquor a decrease of \$59,521.77, says the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in his report for 1928.

Duty collected from local Chinese distilleries showed an increase of \$148,220 or 28 per cent. Most of this increase occurred during the last 6 months of the year. Lengthy investigations proved that Distilleries were paying on a portion of their output only. As a result a system was introduced for determining the amount of alcohol which could be produced from a given amount of fermentable material used. From every consignment of molasses received by each distillery a sample was taken and fermented in the laboratory for the same period of time as adopted in the Distillery, with ferment drawn from the same distillery, this was distilled off and each distillery was informed of the result, and was expected to produce the same amount less an allowance made for loss due to carelessness and crude methods. It was found by actual experiment that with the exercise of ordinary care it was possible for several distilleries to get within 6 per cent. of the laboratory results even when using the Chinese Type Still. The new Distillery regulations which were put into force in Mar. 1927, have proved of great value in facilitating control, and the maximum period fixed for fermentation has proved to be well within the mark in fact several distilleries have found it beneficial to ferment for shorter periods than the maximum allowed.

Several Distilleries were detected in attempts to defraud the Revenue, but only in a few cases could the fraud be proved in Court. By the end of the year however distillery control was working efficiently. Some of the small one-still Distilleries have been closed as being the result of stricter control, and those that remain have much increased their reported output. During the year the first modern pot-stills in the Colony were put into operation in the New Territories North, one working on molasses, two on rice. The results obtained were very satisfactory, and will be improved as the Distillery staffs gain more experience. In the case of rice spirit there has been a gain of 6 to 9 per cent. in the strength of the spirit produced. Less fuel is consumed proportionately and the spirit is of excellent quality and very clear. These stills were locally made by Chinese craftsmen and are of the simplest construction possible. The good work of Revenue Officer J. W. Brown in helping and encouraging the Distilleries during the trying time of the first trials of this new and improved type of still is worthy of mention. The spirit produced has found a ready sale. Several other Distilleries are considering the installation of this type of still, now that the initial prejudice against the innovation has been conquered, two more of the new type are expected to be in operation early in 1929.

Local Distilleries
Local distilleries had to contend with a marked decrease in the quality of the molasses imported, they never could be sure of the quality of their purchases. This state of affairs will be remedied as soon as the Tank Installation for the supply of good quality molasses at Sham Ching in the New Territories comes into operation early in 1929. "That the stricter control of Distilleries has not been prejudicial to their business is proved by the increase of their reported production by 23 per cent., while the increase in the case of imported Chinese Liquor is only 14 per cent. A motor car was commissioned early in the year for use by the Revenue Officer in charge of the Distilleries in the New Territories North and Tsun Wan district. This enables a complete circuit of the New Territories to be made every day, and has been extremely beneficial to Distillery control, every distillery in the New Territories North and Tsun Wan is now liable to be visited any day at any time. This was impossible before.

Imported Chinese liquor increased by 14 per cent. but there was a very considerable quantity

smuggled into the outlying districts such as Shauiwan and Aberdeen, chiefly by small fishing junks from Macao. Seizures amounted to 1,913 gallons by Revenue Officers and 1,482 by Police Officers who did very good work in intercepting smuggled Chinese liquor. Steps were taken to check the importation of adulterated spirit from Macao. Spirits of Wines continued to be seized from time to time. Some 650 gallons were actually seized by this Department and 94 gallons by the Police, but much more was detected in Liquor shops, where it had been broken down with water and blended with other spirits. The origin of the Spirits of Wine was Macao. A new method of concealing Spirits of Wine was discovered. Two glass demijohns enclosed in wickerwork are tied together with a long rope about 20 to 25 feet long, one jar is dropped into the Harbour first, the sampan then moves as far as the rope allows and then drops the other jar. The position is noted by some leading mark on shore, and when the Spirits of Wine are required, a dredging boat is employed to dredge to and from at the spot indicated until the connecting rope is picked up. The favourite dumping ground was at Yau Ma Tei near the breakwater. There was a slight decrease in the number of Chinese Wine and Spirit licences issued, since steps were taken not to grant any new licences where there were already existing licensed premises in close proximity, and certain licences were not renewed where the firms had not been detected in frauds on the Revenue. European Liquor showed a decrease of \$59,521.77 returning practically to the figures for 1926, this decrease is accounted for by the great decrease in the strength of the "Shia" Force.

Seizures of Bogus Brandy

There were several seizures of bogus Hennessy brandy, and in a few cases the actual makers were caught. Genuine empty Hennessy brandy bottles are bought and filled with dilute commercial alcohol which has been smuggled in from Macao, colouring and flavouring essence are added, a new cork with the name printed on, instead of burnt in, is inserted, the bottle is finally closed with a forged capsule and neck label, to afford a further proof of genuineness. Clean Macao Tobacco Duty labels are placed over the capsule, to give the appearance of having paid Hong Kong duty, the Macao Tobacco Duty labels being very similar to the label used by this Department for duty paid European Liquor, so that the one can easily be mistaken for the other at a short distance.

A considerable amount of time was devoted to the consideration of a draft ordinance to affect much needed improvements in the present liquor ordinance, and the draft was published at the end of the year. An extensive revision of the regulations made under the Liquor Ordinance was also undertaken. It is hoped to obtain the necessary legal sanction for these revisions in the near future.

Tobacco Duties

Duties on Tobacco showed very little change as compared with 1927, the total amount collected being only slightly higher.

A considerable amount of time was devoted to the drafting of an ordinance to abolish manufacture in bond, and to introduce a flat rate tariff in place of the existing classified ad valorem tariff. All the necessary legal work was completed by the end of the year. Authority was given to increase the licence fees for importers and retailers from the 1st day of the New Year, the date of renewal. The new fee for retailers was adjusted according to locality. Some of the smaller factories and licensed warehouses were warned in good time that their licences would not be renewed, as the amount of their business did not justify the necessary supervision.

The Opium Trade

The gross Revenue collected was \$3,376,115.95 as compared with \$3,344,370.65 in 1927. Prices were restored to the former rates at the end of January, and the old qualities were again placed on sale. As was anticipated, sales at once fell off from some 12,000 tael a week to under 5,000 tael within one month, subsequently falling to 4,000 in May, and finally to 3,600 at the end of the year. Thus it only took the illicit opium dealer one month to recapture almost completely the Hong Kong market which had largely been lost during the period of cheap sales.

For the first time I am able to report that Kwong Chow Wan has

ceased to be the chief source of illicit prepared opium. For the last 6 months of the year very little opium coming from this port was seized, and it was noticeable that several of the small and ancient steamers plying to that port on which constant seizures had been made in former years were diverted to the West River run during the season of high water, or laid up, thus confirming the opinion of this department that the smuggling of opium was their chief source of profit. The reasons which have led to the diversion of the opium traffic from this port are not known certainly, but Chinese gossip has connected the fact with stricter official control at Kwong Chow Wan.

Wuchow has become the chief source from which illicit opium is derived. During the last 6 months of the year practically all the illicit prepared opium seized as well as all the raw Chinese opium came from this West River port, in spite of occasional large seizures from Hong Kong bound steamers at Do Shing, a station of the Canton Opium Suppression Bureau, situated below Wuchow. Most of Wuchow opium came direct, though a little came through Canton.

Amoy opium was rarely encountered during the last half of the year. Chinese report had it that the trade in opium there had been upset by some new regulations, and it was difficult for the time being to procure opium in any quantity. The seizures were mostly of opium in transit to the South and were at the beginning of the year. Macao opium was seized in greater quantity than in 1927, when for the last six months, owing to shortage of supplies of raw material, the newly established Government monopoly had restricted supplies to dispose of. During the latter part of the year when ample supplies of Persian opium became prominent amongst the smaller seizures, one Macao brand made partly from Persian Opium fetched in Hong Kong about \$3.50 per tael tin. The opium seized did not bear any indication that it was produced by the Government Monopoly other than the word Macao in Chinese or any maker's name, though it is generally said in the Colony that the opium coming into this Colony from this source is not the product of the Government Monopoly, but of a company called the Yau Shing Company.

China continued to be the chief source from which raw opium was derived, and even the Persian opium seized came from Amoy. Most of the Chinese opium bore the usual revenue labels issued either by the Kwong Sai or Kwong Tung Treasury Department. No Indian opium was seized during the year, and it was reported that the price of Indian opium in Shanghai had risen to extraordinary heights, as high as \$25,000 per chest was mentioned. The reason given was that it was now very difficult, if not impossible to obtain Indian opium from the licensed dealers at Kwong Chow Wan.

The staff formerly devoted to raiding opium divers solely was diverted to more profitable occupation in the general work of the department, and it is to be noted that sales of Government opium are about the same as when 1,600 divers were being convicted a year. The cessation of this work accounts for the greatly decreased number of individual seizures, although the total amount seized is much about the same. Only three seizures were made of opium in transit to the South and one to U.S.A. Very little information reached this department with regard to opium being shipped here for Canada and U.S.A. Though two large seizures were made on the other side of the Pacific of opium, which had been actually shipped here amongst other cargo, it is probable in these cases that the shippers here only acted as innocent shipping agents for firms elsewhere. No evidence was obtained that this Colony was now being used, as formerly, as a centre for large opium deals.

Dangerous Drugs

The only large seizure of Dangerous Drugs was that on s.s. "Lamodon" on information received through the Colonial Office. No details as to the history of this consignment were available here. Three small seizures of Cocaine in 25 ounce tins were made on ships bound for Rangoon or Calcutta, which had touched either at Japan ports or Amoy on their way South. The cocaine was certainly of Japanese origin, the last seizure, however, had a coloured picture of a sitting Buddha as a trade mark, and the word YING and the corresponding Chinese character stamped on the outside of the tin. This word and character was also found recently on a seizure of cocaine made at Rangoon on a steamer just arrived from Japan ports and Amoy. There appears to be no demand for cocaine locally.

Several seizures of Heroin pills were made, and a complete fac-

tory was discovered by the Police. The formula in use at this factory included Heroin, Caffeine, Strychnine, Cinchonine and Asperin, the latter drug being met with for the first time in the composition of these pills, it is possible that its use was intended to give the characteristic acetic acid smell generally associated with Heroin, and so enable a smaller proportion of this drug to be used. The factory had recently moved from Shanghai where all the materials were obtained. On information supplied by this Government, the Chinese Police watched the headquarters in the Chinese Territory outside the International Settlement, and after some delay searched the premises which were then found deserted. A member of the crew of s.s. "Hsin Wah" found in possession stated that these pills were openly hawked on board ships in Shanghai, where the price was \$14 per 10,000 while \$20 could be obtained in Canton. There is no doubt that the smoking of these pills in the place of opium has recently much increased in the South. Those pills first came to the notice of this Department in 1927. They had been used extensively in Central and North China for some years previously. No cases of drug addiction due to the use of these pills have been encountered here, the examination and treatment of a smoker of Heroin pills might form a useful and interesting medical study.

Control of Small Craft

The control of small craft of under 100 piculs capacity, frequenting the various harbours of the Colony gave serious trouble during the year. Forty one such craft were seized by this Department and 7 by the Police for carrying contraband. Until some method of stricter control has been devised, the smuggling of opium, liquor, tobacco and arms will flourish. It is probable that most of the illicit opium sold in this Colony is kept on small craft in the harbour in quantities never more than a few hundred tael at any one time, and conveyed ashore by boat women concealed on their persons, a few tael at a time; being taken direct to the purchasers ashore. Such women are exempt from search unless they meet a female Chinese Revenue Officer, of whom only a few can be employed. Many of such craft bear the significant nickname "Rat" boats in Chinese, a meaning indicating that they are the homes of "water rats," many of them appear to have no economic reason for existence, they pretend to be fishing boats but fishing tackle is rarely found on the boats searched on suspicion, and they are too small and slow to be used for carrying passengers. The existence of over 12,000 of this type of craft makes preventive work almost impossible in this Colony.

Smuggling of Arms

Smuggling was much less life owing to the cessation of civil war, and the active steps taken by the Canton Government to free the country from bandits. Most of the arms seized were found at one time. Practically all smuggling on the small scale by Chinese returning from U.S.A. has ceased, a sign of increasing belief in the security of life and property in the country villages.

So-called fishing junks of about 80 piculs capacity, manned by 2 adults and a boy, have been extensively used to smuggle spirits of wine and Chinese spirits from Macao. They rarely make any report to the clearance offices at either port, in some cases they have no licence whatever. These craft have a flush deck, with the hold divided into 4 or more water-tight compartments, and make the run from Macao so as to arrive here during the hours of darkness. Aberdeen and Shauiwan are the harbours most favoured by them, while some have been captured in Ching I Bays.



Bobby Jones won his third open golf title when he beat Al Espinosa in the playoff at Mamaroneck, N. Y. Bobby had a margin of 23 strokes over his professional opponent at the end of the 36-hole match. Left to right, above, are Al Espinosa, Finlay S. Douglas, president of the U. S. Golf Association, and Bobby Jones as the winner receives his trophy.



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WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on September 1, 1929.—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1928	1929
Tytam 21' 6" B	L.	L.
Tytam Byewash .. 15' 8" B	L.	L.
Tytam Intermediate .. L.	L.	L.
Tytam Tuk 8' 0" B 12' 7" B	L.	L.
Wong Nei Chung .. 10' 5" B 4' 1" B	L.	L.
Pokfulum 14' 0" B 1' 9" B	L.	L.
[Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"; L denotes "Level with Overflow"]		
Storage in million and decimals of gallons		
	1928	1929
Tytam 227.15	384.80	
Tytam Byewash .. 5.26	22.37	
Tytam Intermediate .. 195.90	195.90	
Tytam Tuk 1,273.00	1,128.75	
Wong Nei Chung .. 12.62	25.10	
Pokfulum 36.00	62.14	
Total 1,749.93	1,810.15	

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August.

	1928	1929
Consumption 326.62	189.67	
Estimated population 424,820	455,140	
Consumption per head per day .. 24.8	14.6	
Includes 60 M.G. from Tai Koo Dam.		

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir 1' 7" B	L.	L.
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .. L.	10' 2" B	L.
Reception Reservoir 0' 1" B	L.	L.
Storage in million and decimals of gallons		
	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir .. 386.15	382.50	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir .. 116.10	78.44	
Reception Reservoir .. 32.93	33.15	
Total 455.18	464.09	

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of August.

	1928	1929
Consumption 113.94	117.30	
Estimated population 116,640	171,880	
Consumption per head per day .. 22.1	22.0	
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WATER SUPPLY

The Governor's Comprehensive Review

FUTURE PLANS OUTLINED

The following is a continuation of H.E. the Governor's (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) review of the Government's water supply policy—both with regard to the Island and Mainland developments—

Such being the present position as regards water storage and water distribution, it has been brought home to us very clearly during the last twelve months that our storage is inadequate and that in time of drought our system of conserving water is clumsy and inefficient. For we have found the rider-main system to be sadly lacking in flexibility. If our rider-mains are in use, then the city supply from the trunk mains cannot be cut off for periods of less than twelve hours, because any less period results in the upper floors of tenement houses getting no water at all. There are six rider-main districts and, in order that the pressure may suffice to give top floors a supply, the water must be turned on to each district in rotation. Thus a twelve hours' supply in the trunk mains will only give each rider-main district a two hours' supply; and even a two hours' supply often falls to convey water to upper floors in tenement houses, owing to the draw-off by inhabitants on lower floors. Consequently, as a method of economising water, the rider-mains cause the maximum of inconvenience with a minimum of result. Supply from the trunk mains under a system of universal meterage would be far more satisfactory, as it should enable the Water Authority to reduce the period of supply to six hours or less without thereby inflicting disproportionate hardship on anyone. This year even the rider-mains had to be closed down and the city was obliged to rely for several months on street fountains supplied from the reservoirs and on specially constructed tanks filled with water transported from the mainland in lighters and other craft. It is manifest, therefore, that our first step should be to build more reservoirs; but unfortunately the configuration of Hong Kong is such that storage possibilities on the island are very limited. There is, however, one additional storage scheme, of which this Council has approved, and which is now being carried out, namely that at Aberdeen.

Aberdeen Scheme

The Aberdeen scheme was approved by resolution of this Council on May 2 last. It provides for the resumption by Government of the existing storage reservoir with a capacity of 92 million gallons constructed by the Tai Shing Paper Manufacturing Company in the Aberdeen valley. This resumption has already been effected at a cost of \$525,000, of which a sum of \$52,500 has been paid on account, the balance being payable early next year. The Company has been granted 183 days, commencing from 20th July last, to use up its existing stocks. On the expiry of that period Government obtains possession. The Aberdeen scheme further provides for the construction of an additional storage reservoir in this valley, estimated to contain 175 million gallons of water and to cost \$900,000. The ancillary works, including catchwaters, mains, filters, an access road and a pumping station, are estimated to cost \$1,277,000. The whole of this scheme will be financed by loan. It will much facilitate the supply of water to the western end of Victoria City, where improved distribution is most needed, for water from the Aberdeen valley will be piped to the Elliot filter-beds, which are to be augmented by a rapid gravity filtration plant. At present, when Pok-fu-lam reservoir is depleted, it is often difficult to maintain an adequate supply to the Elliot filter-beds from the Bowen Road Conduit.

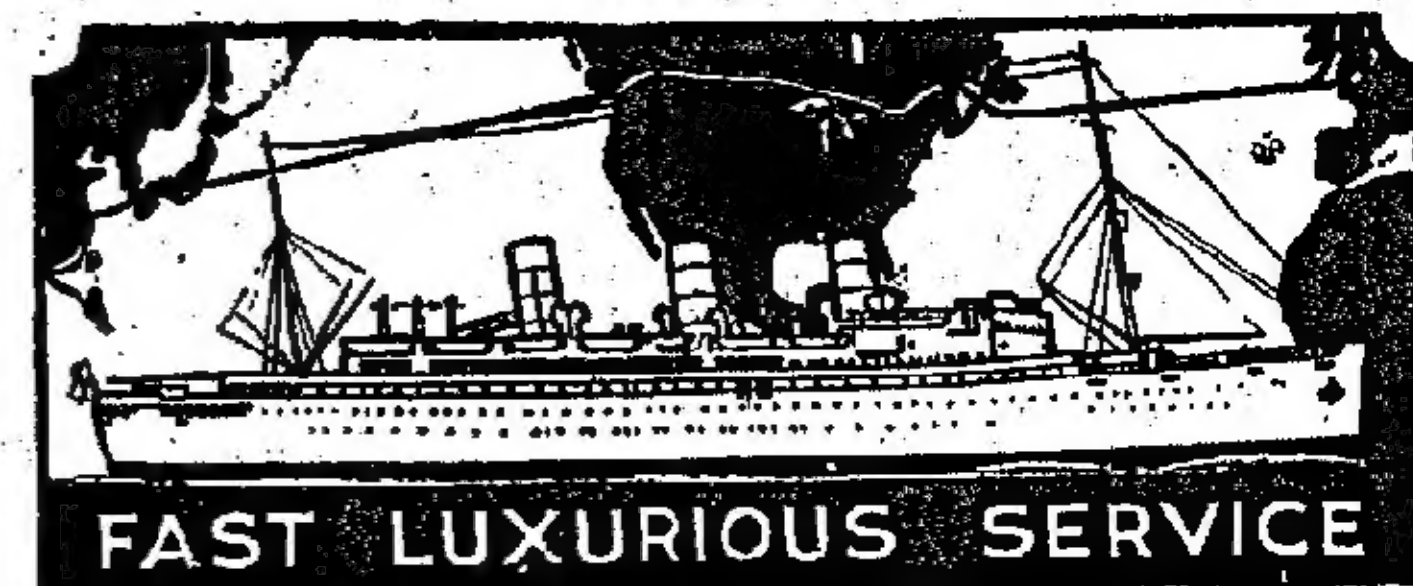
Six New Sites

An exhaustive examination of Hong Kong island with a view to discovering yet more sites for storage reservoirs has shown that six such sites exist. But to each of them there are serious objections. Three more storage reservoirs might be built in the Tytam valley, two at a height of 750 feet above sea-level and one actually within the flow of the sea in Tytam harbour. The two former would have capacities of 70 million and 40 million gallons but they would be inside the existing catchment area of the original Tytam reservoir. They would, therefore, impound no new supplies of water and in time of drought the water stored in them would merely diminish the storage in Tytam reservoir. The reservoir site within the flow of the sea would have a capacity of 700 million gallons; but when investigated in 1904, a rock foundation for the dam was not found until a depth of 65 feet below ordnance datum had been reached. As the site is below sea-level, most difficult and costly coffer-dams would have

and the pipe-line across the bed of Hong Kong harbour. Of the pipe-line on the mainland 20,280 feet have already been completed, leaving 3,300 feet to be laid at Sham-shui-po and 450 feet across the railway terminus. Eventually there will also be 3,000 feet on Hong Kong island; but it is not proposed to undertake this section of the land pipe-line until late in next year. Instead a temporary connection with the city mains near Statue Pier will be made in the first instance, in order to expedite the delivery of water from the mainland to the island. The drawings and details of the harbour pipe-line have been worked out, submitted to the Consulting Engineers and approved by them. The pipes, which are 12" diameter steel mains, are due for delivery in the Colony at the end of this month, and meanwhile dredging operations along the line across the bed of the harbour have been commenced. We now hope that Sheng-mun water may be brought to Hong Kong early in next year by means of this pipe-line, which is estimated to be capable of delivering 3½ million gallons a day across the harbour.

Here, however, it is necessary to sound a note of caution. The existing water works on the island with a total storage of 2,118,414,000 gallons and a total catchment area of 3,278 acres are calculated to have a capacity of 7.25 million gallons a day; but a modest estimate of the full water supply requirements of the island is ten million gallons a day. Thus the estimated supply falls short of the estimated requirements by 2.75 million gallons a day. At first sight it might, therefore, seem that an additional delivery of more than three million gallons a day through the harbour pipe-line would suffice for our present needs. But two considerations combine to make the outlook less favourable. In the first place, Old Kowloon and New Kowloon are growing at an abnormal rate. Now, including that part of the Sheng-mun scheme already completed, the existing waterworks on the mainland have a total storage of 501,750,000 gallons and a total catchment area of 4,270 acres. Their estimated capacity is five million gallons a day, while a modest estimate of the full water supply requirements of Old and New Kowloon is 4.18 million gallons a day. There is, therefore, at present only a surplus of 820,000 gallons a day available on the mainland; and in a few years' time, if the population on the northern shores of the harbour continues to increase, this surplus will have vanished. Then, again, there is a second consideration. The utmost, which the harbour pipe-line now about to be constructed can deliver, is 3½ million gallons a day. But bitter experience this year has shown us that in time of drought only one million gallons a day flow down the conduit from Sheng-mun valley; and in time of drought it is, therefore, unlikely that much water from Sheng-mun could be made available on Hong Kong island, unless and until more storage reservoirs have been constructed on the mainland.

Kowloon Bye-Wash
One such reservoir for increasing water storage on the mainland is already under construction, namely the Kowloon Eyewash Reservoir. Its site is in the valley immediately below the existing Kowloon reservoir. It has an estimated capacity of 175 million gallons, and it will impound the overflows both from Kowloon reservoir and from the raw water reception reservoir in (Continued on Page 12.)



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KALYAN	9,144	27th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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TEMPLES ORDINANCE

The report of the secretary for Chinese Affairs for 1928, states that the revenue derived from all sources during the year was \$20,040.53 and the expenditure was \$78,913.32. The number of persons reported by Hong Kong residents to the Po Leung Kuk as missing during the year was 42 of whom 10 were found, as compared with 45 and 20 in 1927. The total number of persons reported missing including reports from China and Macao was 44 of whom 10 were found, as compared with 50 and 20 in 1927. Ten names were added to the list of girls under bond to report themselves periodically to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The number of names on the list on December 31 was 21. The name of 1 girl was struck off the list.

The number of female and minor passengers examined and allowed to proceed shows an increase of 11 per cent. over the number for 1927. The record of the occupations of the female emigrants over 16 years of age shows that 78 per cent. went either with or to join relatives, 19 per cent. went as maid servants and the remainder consisted of tailoresses, farmers and hairdressers. 75 women were detained for enquiries; 66 were detained in 1927. The number of women and girls repatriated during the year was 26.

District Watch

The District Watch Committee met on 12 occasions; the average attendance being 14. The loyal advice and assistance of the Committee (which deals with every kind of question affecting the Chinese Community) continue to be of the greatest value to the Government. The 5-year terms of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. Tong Yat Chun and Mr. Li Po Kwai expired and they were reappointed by His Excellency the Governor for a further period of 5 years. Mr. Ho Kwong resigned and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Li Yik Mui. During the year the two gentlemen nominated by the permanent members of the District Watch Committee to serve on the Committee for the coming year, were Mr. Wong Ping Suen and Mr. Lo Chung Kui vice Mr. Tam Woon-tong and Mr. Chau Tsun-nin whose terms had expired.

At the end of the year the District Watch Force was one below its authorized full strength of 125. The average strength for the year was 119. 25 new men were engaged. S. I. Andrew continued in charge of the Force until May when he returned to the Police Department and his place was taken by S. I. Carey. The number of Police Court Cases secured by members of the Force was 848, an increase of 242 on the 606 cases secured in 1927, which was itself a "record" year. 55 per cent. were cases of Larceny, whilst Larceny from the Person and Unlawful Possession accounted for 19 per cent. and 14 per cent. respectively. It is gratifying to note that close co-operation exists between the District Watch Force and the Police Force.

Permits for Crackers

Permits to fire crackers were given in 1,273 cases of which 1,055 were for weddings, and the remainder for birthdays, shop-openings etc. 121 permits were issued for theatrical performances, 111 of which were held in permanent and 10 in temporary buildings. Other permits issued were 20 for religious ceremonies and 3 for processions. The buildings and equipment have been considerably improved during the year. The number of in-patients for 1928 was 11,486 of whom 6,419 came under Western treatment and 4,867 under Native treatment. The number of out-patients, to whom free medicine was supplied, was 198,598, of whom 176,788 attended the Herbal Clinic (Native treatment) and 21,810, the Western Clinic (Western treatment). The number of destitutes temporarily housed and then sent to their homes at the expense of the Hospital was 4,273, of whom about 3,000 were refugees from the districts of Ho Fung and Luk Fung at the time of the Communist troubles there. The foundation stone of the Eastern Branch of the Tung Wah Hospital at Sookumpo was laid by His Excellency the Governor on May 4, 1928 and at the end of the year the building was nearly completed. Funds in hand, which have been raised by subscription, amounted to over \$380,000, though a very large further amount will be required.

Kwong Wa Hospital

The number of in-patients admitted during the year was 8,563, 792 persons were admitted in a moribund condition and died shortly afterwards, of the remainder 6,056 selected Western treatment and 1,715 Native treatment. The number of out-patients was 128,942 of whom 35,635 selected Native treatment and 45,257 Western treatment. 573 bodies were brought to the Hospital Mortuary to await burial. Free burials were provided

by the Hospital for 3,176 poor persons. Building operations for a new Maternity Block are now under way. Statements of accounts and other reports furnished by the Committees of the Tung Wah Hospitals are published for general information (Tables VIII-XIV). Full details of the income and expenditure of these institutions are to be found in the annual volumes published in Chinese by the two Committees. Further information regarding the Hospitals is contained in the report of the Medical Department.

Tsun Yuk Maternity Hospital

The work of this hospital has gone steadily forward throughout the year. The nurses training school is increasing in numbers and the general standard of education among the probationers has improved. Several useful additions have been made to the equipment, including a new Scalytic Light for the operating theatre. The Infant Welfare Clinic on Friday mornings is increasing in numbers and scope.

The work of the Wan Tsai Maternity Hospital has steadily increased since it was established in 1919. 1,029 cases were admitted in 1928. There are 22 beds in this popular hospital, but the problem of carrying on the work in the present building is becoming increasingly difficult, and plans are now in the hands of the Committee for rebuilding part of and renovating the whole of the premises.

Public Dispensaries

In outlying districts where there are no hospitals the dispensaries fill a most important place in providing free medical attention to thousands of people. At all the Chinese Public Dispensaries a weekly gynaecological clinic is held and at some of the bigger ones a women's clinic is held twice a week. The dispensaries are also free vaccination centres. The number of cases treated in 1928 was 192,152 as against 161,370 in 1927. Vaccinations numbered 49,941 as against 31,031 in 1927.

The balance at the end of the year for the Chinese Permanent Cemetery was \$52,843.28 as against \$40,755.62 in 1927.

The balance in hand at the end of the year for the Chinese Recreation Ground was \$4,995.75 as against \$4,403.88 in 1927. The Ground continued its contribution of \$100 per month to the funds of the Tsun Yuk Maternity Hospital. The total number of translations made by Translators during the year was 1,572, as against 1,145 in 1927 and 737 in 1926. There were 891 translations from Chinese into English and 631 from English into Chinese. In addition a large number of translations made in other Government Departments were sent to this office for revision.

Factories

Mr. F. Meade continued to act as Inspector of Factories under the Industrial Employment of Children Ordinance; he also acted as Inspector under the Factory (Accidents) Ordinance, 1927. His report (Annex B) contains an interesting survey of factory conditions in the Colony during 1928.

No strikes or other disputes of importance occurred during the year though there were several minor incidents. In January there was a short-lived strike at the Fung Keung Rubber Factory at Shahekwan which followed the refusal of the owners to grant certain demands, for more wages, shorter hours, etc., which were suddenly presented to them by the workers. Later on definite evidence was discovered in a Communist den in Percival Street that the whole affair had been deliberately organised by two women Communists. In March there was a strike of four or five days duration at the Sincere Perfumery Factory at Kennedy Town, arising from the stricter enforcement of the searching of employees on leaving the premises and a proposal by the management to raise the amount of security deposited by each employee to two dollars. This proposal was dropped and the strike settled itself.

Violent Agitation

In August the Kowloon Docks became the centre of a violent agitation against the system of engagement through "foremen" of the workmen. The source of the agitation was traced to the Sing-Ngai Kwan Workmen's Club. Communist organisations also have been quick to seize on this grievance as an occasion for propaganda and references to it occur frequently in pamphlets distributed from time to time among the Dockyard workers.

The Shiu Hing Knitting Factory was the scene of a small strike on the part of a few women in September, the reason given being dissatisfaction with the piece-rates. Only about fifteen women stopped work and they were replaced by new hands. In October there was a feeble attempt to create trouble at the Man Fuk Knitting Factory where about a dozen men suddenly stopped work without any apparent reason. It would seem that Communists were active here since several references to the incident have been found in Communist

documents which have fallen into our hands. Similar references were made to quite unimportant incidents which occurred in December at the Tai Hing Knitting Factory and the Kwong Sang Lung Engineering Works. A note-worthy event was the proscription of the Hong Kong Teahouse Employees' Union, an organisation which had for long been notorious for the violence of its methods, the questionable sources of its income and the rascality of its members. The Motorcar Drivers' and Tailors' Unions, which closed down after the 1925 Strike, were revived this year.

Chinese Temples

The Chinese Temples Ordinance became law on April 27, 1928. The main objects of the Ordinance are: (a) to prevent the exploitation of the ignorant by charlatans; (b) to recover for the benefit of the community the control over public temples which have been slipping into private hands; and (c) to prevent for the future the establishment of temples as purely business speculations. Except in the case of a few exempted temples, the revenues, funds, investments and properties of all Chinese temples are brought under the control of a Chinese Temples Committee; any surplus revenues remaining after providing for due observance of the customary ceremonies and the maintenance of the temple buildings and temple properties shall be applied for the purposes of Chinese charities in the Colony generally (General Chinese Charities Fund). The members of the Chinese Temples Committee established under Section 7 of the Ordinance were as follows:—Sir Shou-son Chow, Dr. H. R. Kotewall, Chinese members of the Legislative Council. Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Representative of the District Watch Committee. Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Chinese members of the Sanitary Board. Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital. Mr. Ma Chui-chiu, Senior member of the Po Leung Kuk Committee. Mr. Wong Shiu-hing, Chairman of the Kwong Wah Hospital. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Chairman).

The Committee met at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs on seven occasions during the year. Mr. Wong Kwong-tin acted as honorary secretary. The first step was to secure the registration of all Chinese temples—including temples proper, monasteries, nunneries, Taoist establishments, etc. A Subcommittee consisting of Mr. Li Yau-tsun and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin was appointed to consider the temples—almost two hundred in number—which registered. As a beginning 28 temples which were purely business speculations and which contravened Section 4 of the Ordinance were ordered by the Committee to close down. Full control of several temples was taken over by the Committee, and tenders were received for the office of czuk or templekeeper. A noteworthy case is the large and popular Kwun Yam Temple at Hung Hom, the accepted tender for which was \$3,680 compared with \$1,850 previously when the Temple was under the control of the local kaifong. The Committee agreed to make a grant of \$100 per month from the General Chinese Charities Fund to the free school maintained in connection with the Temple—an excellent example of how Chinese charities will benefit by the proper control of temple revenues. Regulations were also drawn up for observance by temple-keepers in the care of temples under their charge and to safeguard the worshipping public against excessive charges by temple-keepers for joss-sticks and other paraphernalia.

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September 7 to 13, 1929.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
Sept.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Sat. 7	0 18 a	6 57 p
Sun. 8	0 30 a	6 07 p
Mon. 9	1 02 a	5 29 p
Tues. 10	1 58 a	4 40 p
Wed. 11	3 04 a	3 53 p
Thurs. 12	4 14 a	3 01 p
Fri. 13	5 29 a	2 09 p
	No inferior	No inferior
	d. nor Low	d. nor Low

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Place of Observation	Highest on record	Lowest W.L.	W.L.	W.L.
West River at Shuihung	+ 41.0	on record	4/9	5/9
North River at Tsingyuen	+ 28.7	0	11.8	10.3
North River at Samshui	+ 27.3	0	5.7	5.5
East River at Sheldung	+ 15.2	—8	2.7	2.3

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To-day—St. John Ambulance Brigade Tea-Party at Hong Kong Hotel, 5 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Show People" and Torcat's Roosters at 2.30, 7.15 and 9.20 p.m.

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To-day—Star Theatre; "The Mysterious Lady."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Laugh Clown Laugh."

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Sports

To-day—H.K.V.D.C. annual aquatic sports meeting at V.R.C., 9 p.m.

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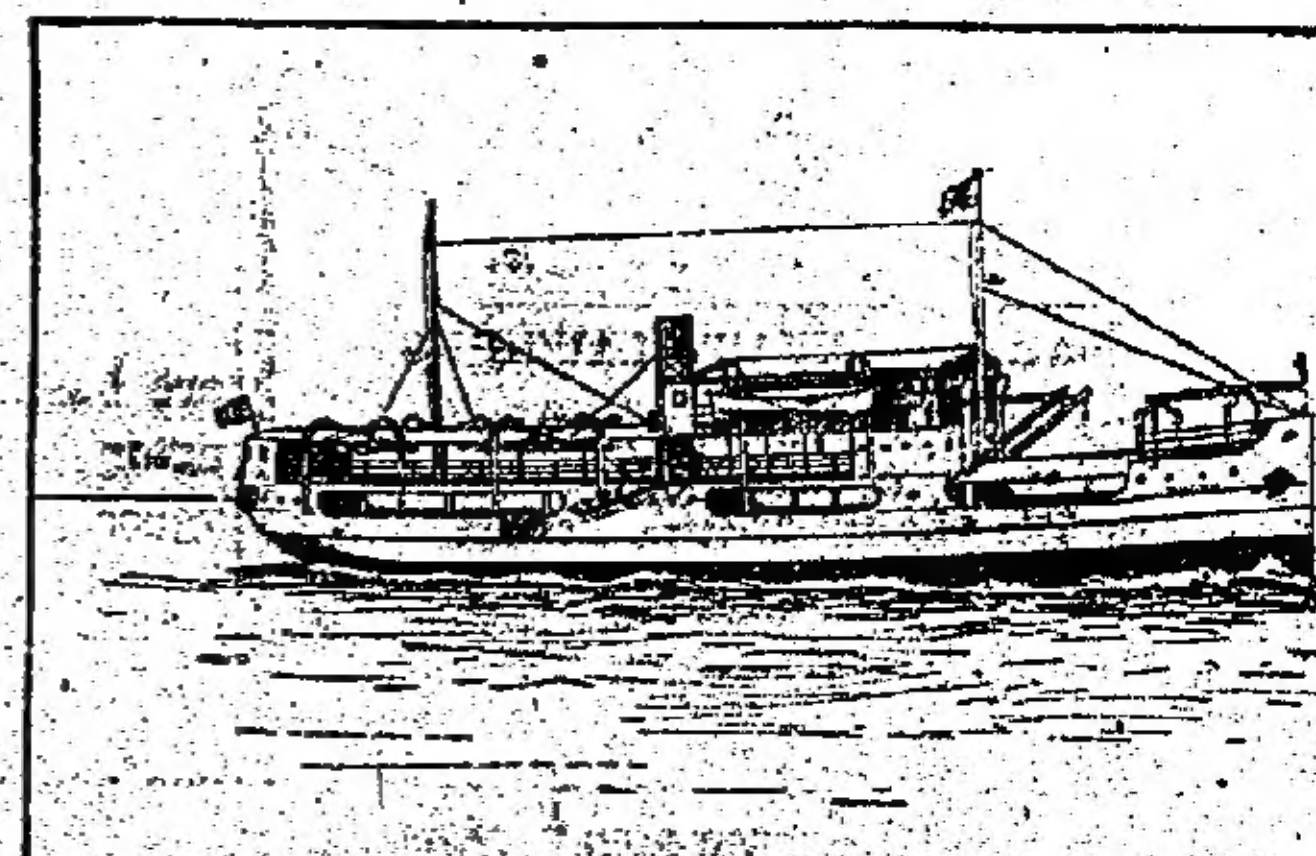
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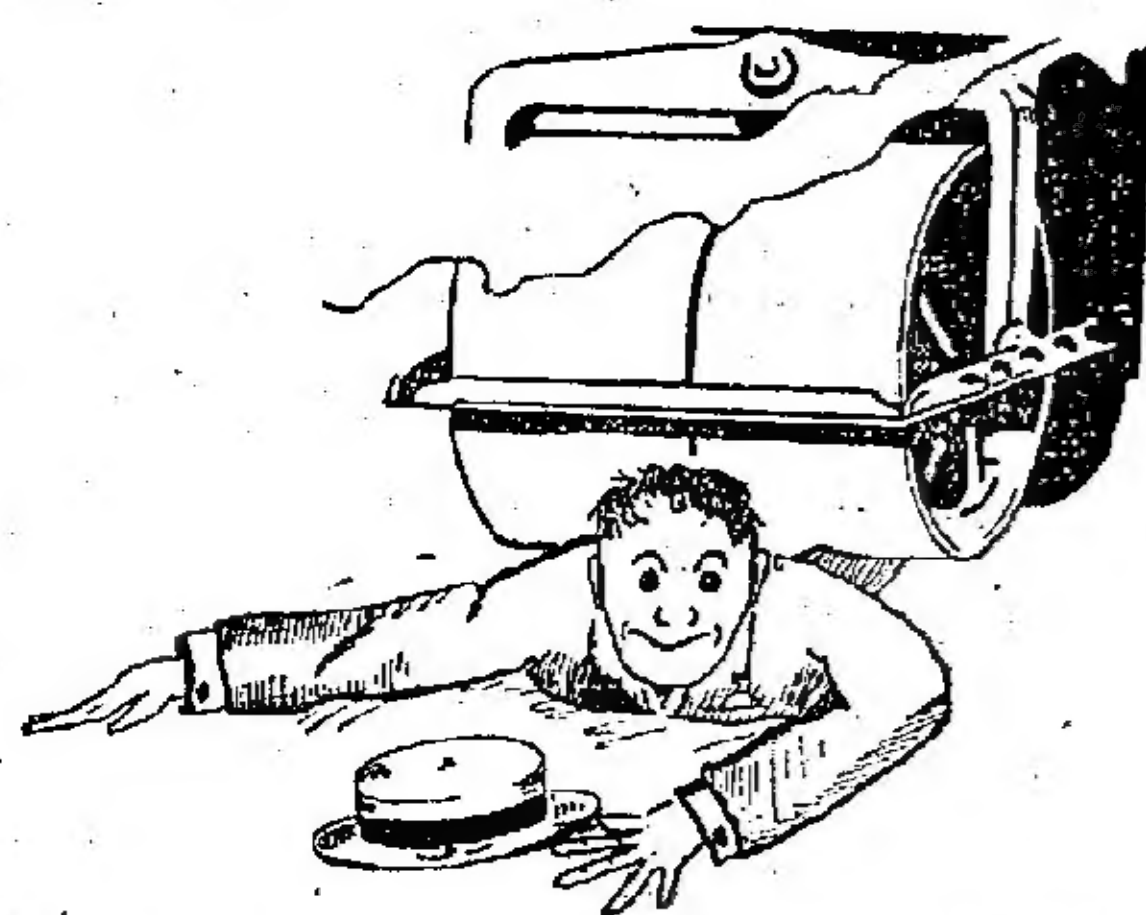
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supply of stamps. Any letter writ-
ing was a pleasure when stamps
were always in one's purse or
wallet. And apart from the book-
let idea there are not enough
places where stamps are sold to
the public. After the Post Office
closes one has to solicit a stamp

from somebody else as a "favour"—
and often, rather than ask that
"favour," the letter is not posted
by that mail at all, much to the
annoyance of the writer—and the
bowlidgment of the ad-
dressee!

While we are
The Dignity loath to criti-
of the Courts cise the action
of the Acting

First Magistrate, Mr. E. W.
Hamilton, in appearing in Court
the other day in a "Cissy" shirt,
we feel constrained, in the in-
terest of the high traditions of
the British Courts of Law, to
point out that such a mode of
dressing, specially when the
vogue is set by a Magistrate, is
not in keeping with the dignity of
a British Court, or of any other
Courts for that matter. To our
mind a Court of Law has the right
to expect reverence and respect
from those who break the law as
well as those whose duty it is to
enforce peace and good order.

If one were to
Magistrate's treat a Court as
Invitation a playing field,
Unnecessary we cannot pos-
sibly expect the

reverence and respect that are
due to His Britannic Majesty or
to other sovereignty. We also
wish to point out that Mr.
Hamilton's invitation to police
officers in mufti to appear before
him in a shirt devoid of collar and
tie was unnecessary, as we know
that police officers have hereto-
fore appeared in all the three
Police Courts as well as the
Marine Court in "Cissy" shirts
and "shorts." This is rather
unfortunate, but so far as we
know no objection has been taken
by any of the presiding Magis-
trate. On the other hand we are
glad to state that no such liberty
had been taken or lack of respect
shown to the "Higher Courts."

While we do not con-
A Silly demn the "Cissy"
Fashion shirt—far from it
in a very hot Sum-
mer!—Mr. Hamilton may have
done the community a greater
service had he, in any other
place but on the Bench,
denounced the silly fashion of
some of our so-called "smart set"
in dressing in full evening attire
for cinemas, third-rate operas, or
even for a cheap dinner in one of
the cheap hotels. A heart-to-
heart talk with these strait-laced
gentlemen might have achieved a
better result than a homily from
the Bench. The British Court is
not usually the place where
fashions are set!

A Magistrate who
Precept not is empowered to
Followed make or unmake
any individual ap-
pearing before him should, in our
opinion, be forensic in his speech
and demeanour. He is there to
try a case on its merits and ac-
cording to the law laid down. It
is certainly not within his pro-
vince to make use of the authority
invested in him in order to venti-
late his pet opinions which have
no bearing on the case immedi-
ately before him. Unfortunately
this precept is not always follow-
ed, and we have known Magis-
trates in Hong Kong pass re-
marks which they would not
have done elsewhere lest such
remarks might invoke an uncon-
plimentary reply from the person
to whom they were intended.

For a Magistrate
Bad Temper to go beyond the
in Court limits of his
judicial duty is
to say the least *abusus non tollit
usum*. By the same token, a
Magistrate would do well not to
lose his temper in open Court, or
expect his interpreter to look up
a certain section in the Ordina-
ances for him. Also, it is not in
good form to reprimand in an
open Court one's subordinates
for any alleged deficiencies. His
Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir
Henry Gollan, and his Honour
the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice
J. R. Wood, are models which
some of our capets sitting as
Magistrates might sometimes do
well to copy.

Since the
The Chinese Navy Chinese Author-
ities have ever

cherished the hope of founding a
Chinese Navy worthy of the
name, and the Foreign Office an-
nouncement of an agreement for
the training of Chinese Naval
Cadets in Britain and the en-
gagement by the Chinese Govern-
ment of a British naval mission
to assist in the development of
the Chinese Navy, tends to show
that the Nationalist Government
at Nanking has taken a first step
towards the achievement of this
ambition. It is said, too, that
China is contemplating the plac-
ing of orders for naval vessels
with British shipyards, and there
is no doubt that if the necessary
fleet is forthcoming the question
of personnel will be an easy one.
The Chinese coastal provinces
produce seamen of rare quality—
fearless men with a quiet un-
demonstrative devotion to duty
that would carry them far in the
sea service of their country. This
forward movement in the direc-
tion of establishing an adequate
Navy will be followed with great
interest by other maritime
Powers but the difficulties of the
financial position incline to the
belief that the contemplated fleet
can only be intended to cope
effectively with the ever present
pirate menace in Chinese waters.

The next Criminal Sessions will
begin on Monday, September 16.

His Excellency the Governor in
Council has directed that the name
of Mr. Henry Pooley be added to the
list of authorised architects.

Mr. C. P. Fletcher, of the P.W.D.,
has reported to the Police the loss
from his office in the new P.W.D.
building, at Lower Albert Road, of
a silver cigarette case containing
\$16.

The names of McNeary & Co.,
Limited, the Shung On Land Invest-
ment Loan & Agency Co., Limited,
and the Chung Kwok Restaurant,
Limited, have been struck off the
Register of Companies.

To-morrow is the 1,299th year of
the era of Yezdeard, the last of the
Persian monarchs of the Sasanian
Dynasty. The local Parsee com-
munity will celebrate this advent of
their political New Year by observ-
ing it as a holiday.

The Drapery Emporium, Cassum
Ahmed, Kowloon, display in their
windows a new shipment of coloured
"Ladyship" wool, which is manu-
factured by Messrs. Baldwin and
Hayker, of Halifax, England. The
prices per lb. range from \$3 to \$15.

According to a report, made to
the Police by Mrs. Murphy, of the
Felix hat shop, Ice House Street,
an unknown Chinese rushed into the
shop at 4.45 p.m. yesterday and
snatched a lady's handbag valued at
\$5. He managed to make good his
escape.

At the Summary Court yesterday
afternoon, before Mr. Justice J. R.
Wood, Yau Wing-kyong, a tailor's
apprentice, sued Rung Lok-shan
trading as the Fook Mo Tailoring
shop for the return of a Singer
Sewing machine, which he, in ac-
cordance with the terms of a con-
tract, had brought into defendant's
premises. Mr. D. L. Strellet ap-
peared for the plaintiff. His Lord-
ship gave judgment for plaintiff for
\$70, the value of the machine, and
also awarded him \$10 damages.

COMEDY COMPANY

FORBES RUSSELL'S EASTERN
TOURS

OPENING NEXT WEEK

The Forbes Russell Comedy
Company are arriving in Hong
Kong on board the P. & O. steam-
er "Mantua" on Thursday, Sep-
tember 12, and will open their
season at the Theatre Royal the
same evening with "Capt. Harry
Graham's comedy "By Candle
Light." It is said to be one of the
most charming light comedies seen
in London for years. The story
centres around the gallant adven-
tures of a Baron who becomes his
own man's man in order to help
him in an amour originated over
the telephone in his master's ab-
sence and the delicate entangle-
ments which follow are remarkably
funny.

"Her Cardboard Lover"
On Saturday the 14th, and Mon-
day the 15th, "Her Cardboard
Lover" will be staged. This play,
which is adapted from the French,
is a singularly clever type of
Modern Comedy. The action
throughout is rapid, and the wheel-
s of progress are, as it were, plenti-
fully oiled with brilliant dialogue.
Mons. Jacques Duval is the
Author, and Mr. P. G. Wodehouse,
the novelist, has helped to adapt the
comedy for the English stage. If
the comedy was cleverly written in
the first instance, it is certain that
"P. G." has not failed to make the
most of it in the translation. His
popular creation "Archie," has a
prototype in Andre Sallicon as "The
Cardboard Lover."

"The Patsy"

On Tuesday, the 17th and Wed-
nesday, the 18th, "The Patsy" will
be staged. Writing of this play,
"Triculo" of the "Tatler" says:—
"The Patsy" is slick and well
balanced. The curtains are good
and the laughs plentiful. You
won't need to be too easily amused
to find the evening passing quickly
and pleasantly. What more can
one demand in the name of enter-
tainment? And if you keep a book
of jokes, the wise cracks are worth
remembering." Other plays to be
produced during the season include
"The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," "The
March Hares" and "Good Morning
Bill." The latter being another
play by P. G. Wodehouse. The plans
are at Moutrie's and Co.

IMMIGRANTS

ENRICHMENT OF BRITISH
BLOOD

For the first time in many years
50 per cent. of the total immigra-
tion into Canada is British. In the
month of May 25,616 immigrants
came into the Dominion. Of these
13,053 were British, 3,731 from the
United States, and 9,832 from other
countries. Most of the United
States immigrants are British in
origin.
The enrichment of the British
blood in Canada is more marked
than appears at first sight. While
British immigration in April and
May increased 11 per cent. over last
year's similar period, and the United
States immigration increased 21
per cent., the immigration of north-
ern European immigrants increased
14 per cent. The immigration from
other countries, however de-
creased no less than 45 per cent.

Early this spring the Hon. Robert
Forke, Minister of Immigration,
warned the railways and other
agencies that immigrants other
than British, American and
northern European would not
be admitted to Canada be-
yond 30 per cent. of last
year's quota. These people had to
be in Canada by the end of May, and
the door has been closed. The
British gate stands wide open, with
an assisted passage rate of \$10 for
all who care to come. The United
States door is wide open also, but
there are no assisted railway fares.

More Servants Needed
From northern Europe immi-
grants must pay full fare (about
\$22 10s.). From southern Europe
and other countries the door is
closed tight, save for immigrants
brought out by an immigration
agency, such as the railways or
church organisations. A Contin-
ental family which has capital
enough to establish it on a farm
may also enter. Others, however,
will be barred, with the exception of
domestic servants of which there is
need.

Much has been heard in Canada
of the Dominion being "used as a
side-door to the United States. It
has also been repeatedly said that
the Dominion is losing her best
young men and women by the thou-
sand as the attraction of the "big,
prosperous country to the south of
us" becomes felt. The big country
to the south is, perhaps, not so pro-
sperous as may appear. In any
event, 2,669 Canadian-born citizens
returned from the United States in
May and April, expressing their in-
tention of resuming permanent re-
sidence in Canada. In addition,

WORLD FLYERS

TRIBUTE BY SOUTHERN CROSS
AIRMEN

TO HENDON DISPLAY

Mr. C. W. C. Marr (Honorary
Minister in the Commonwealth Gov-
ernment) tendered a luncheon to
Squadron-Leader Kingsford Smith
and his companions at Australia
House, prior to their departure for
Amsterdam on July 18. Guests in-
cluded Mr. F. C. L. Bertram (De-
puty Director of Civil Aviation) Sir
Francis McClean (President of the
Aero Club), Lieut.-Col. H. V. B. De
Satz (Colonial Office), Sir Charles
Wakefield, Captain Davies of the
"Discovery," and the Agents-Gen-
eral of the Australian States.
Mr. Marr, proposing the toast of
Squadron-Leader Kingsford Smith,
Flight-Lieut. Ulm, and Messrs.
Litchfield and McWilliams, said that
while hoping that they would suc-
ceed in encircling the globe to San
Francisco, he was glad they had
again demonstrated the possibili-
ties of Anglo-Australian aviation.
Therein was the great value of
their achievement. A fortnightly
service from England to Australia
would mean more frequent visits of
business men to Australia and a
better understanding of Australian
markets. "That Australia is des-
tined to share in her import trade
recent happenings can have left no
doubt," he said.

With such men as the guests of
honour, Hinkler, and others who
had blazed the trail and stimulated
Australian "air-mindedness," it was
little wonder that commercial
aviation was advancing in the
Commonwealth and might easily
alter the whole of the national life,
simultaneously strengthening the
air line of defence.

Mr. Bertram paid tribute to
Kingsford Smith's amazing per-
formances of 90 miles an hour and
112 hours actual flying time, en-
tailing to the highest praise men,
machine, and engines. The trans-
Pacific flight, the encircling of
Australia, and the New Zealand
flight were three historical events
that justified Kingsford Smith and
his companions ranking with the
pioneers of Imperial aviation. He
had reason to hope that by 1931 a
weekly Anglo-Australian service
would be established. (Cheers.)

British Flyers Superlative
Kingsford Smith, responding,
said that although not using Sir
Charles Wakefield's products, he
acknowledged aviation's indebted-
ness to his co-operation. Referring
to the Hendon display, he confessed
himself impressed by the abso-
lutely superlative qualities of
British flyers.

Flight-Lieut. Ulm emphasised
the importance of the rapidity of
the flight to Singapore, practically
establishing contact between Aus-
tralia and Singapore, in less than
two days' flying time. He hoped Aus-
tralia would soon definitely be linked
with the Indian service. He had
been assured in Sydney it would
not be difficult to find the necessary
capital. He admitted that their
success would have been impossible
without the pioneering achieve-
ments of Sir Ross and Sir Keith
Smith, and Hinkler, whose lone
voyage as his own pilot, navigator,
and mechanic was entitled to be
described as truly wonderful, also
had made their task easier.

350 British subjects with Canadian
domicile came back to Canada, and
185 naturalised Canadians.

"Sneaking Across" the Border
There has always been a leakage
of Canadian immigration into the
United States. Aliens unable to
get past the United States au-
thorities have come to Canada and
then sneaked across the border.
There has been a recent tightening
up in the United States, and any
who are found without proper
citizenship papers are deported.
Many of these back-door Americans
slipped in through Canada, but the
Dominion has closed the door
against their re-entry unless they
can show a right to be in Canada.

In June at Niagara Falls over 400
of these people seeking to enter
Canada were turned back, and only
thirty-five were permitted to enter.
The people of English birth turn
to Canada to a greater extent than
any others. In April and May, the
first two months of the present fiscal
year, the English immigrants num-
bered 13,095, the Scots 6,441, the
Irish 4,102, and the Welsh 1,462.
The newcomers from the United
States totalled 7,807, mostly of
British origin. Only 163 immi-
grants came from France, but Ger-
many's contribution to Canada's
population in the last two months
totalled 4,979, more than the Irish.

It is farmers that Canada still
needs. There has been much talk
of industrial workers being needed,
but any activity in that direction
brings protests from the trade
unions. This may indicate trouble
for Mr. J. H. Thomas when he
arrives. He may find considerable
opposition to any proposals to sub-
sidise the transfer of British in-
dustrial workers into Canadian
industry.

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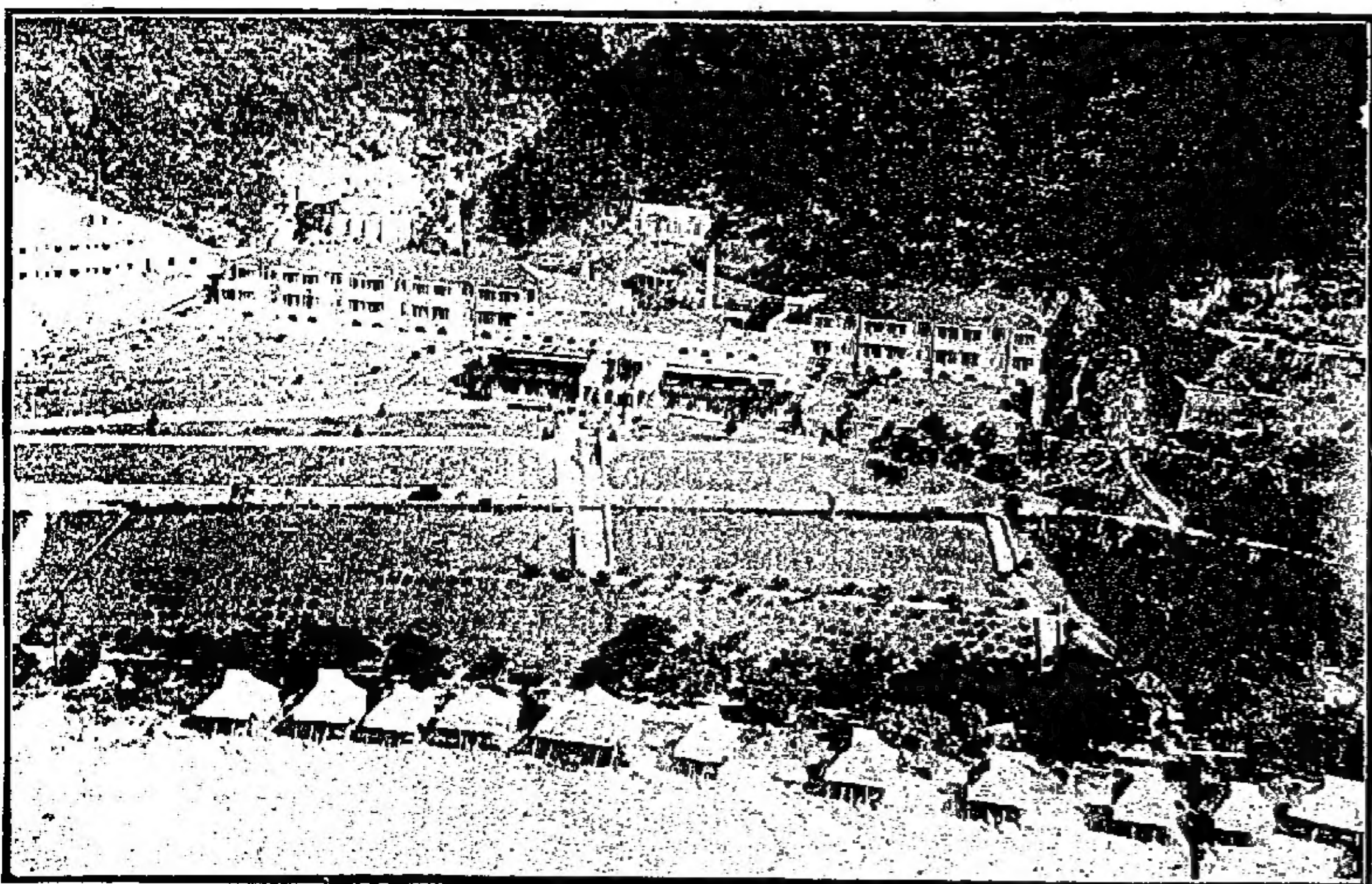
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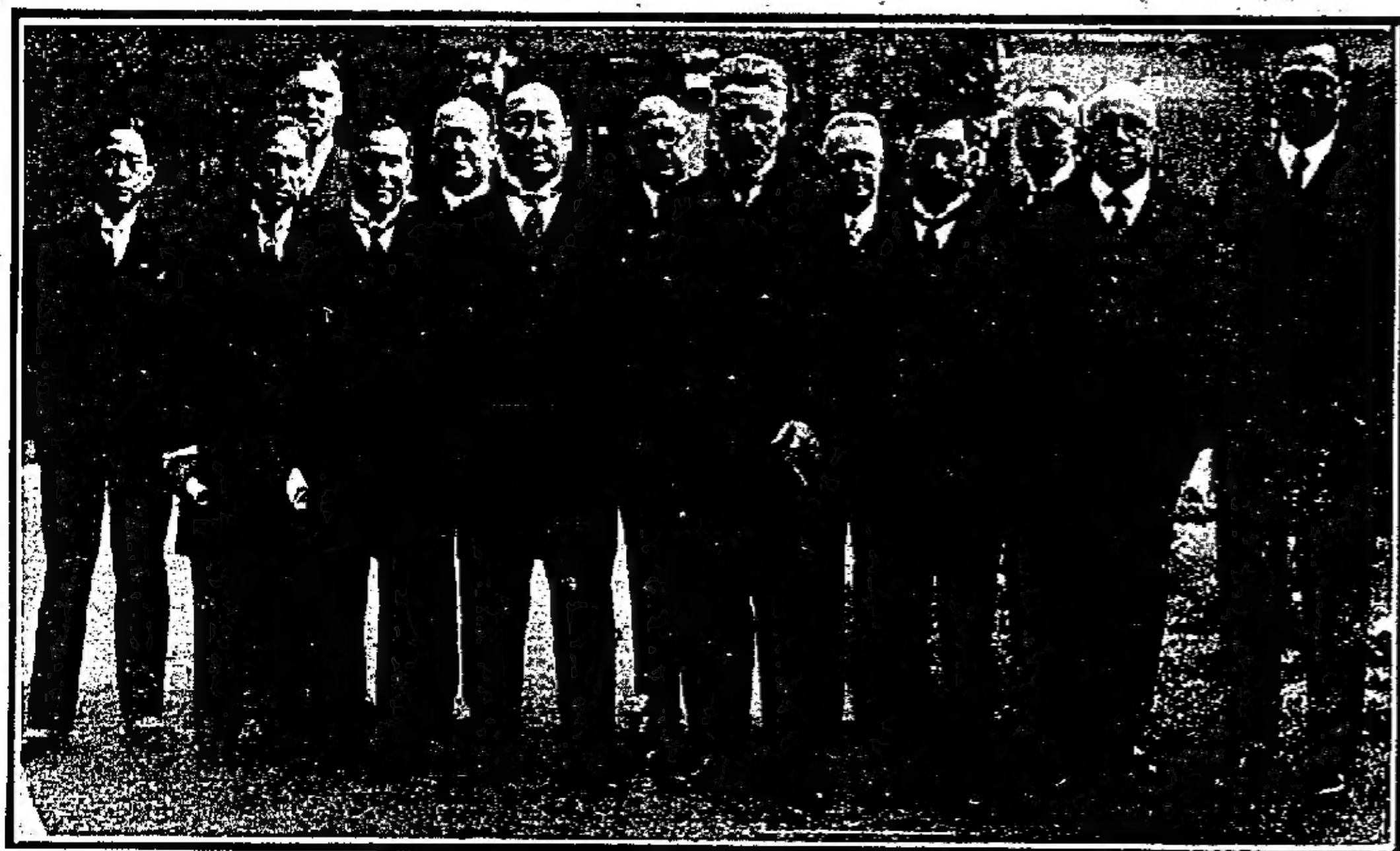
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DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL OLD BOYS' DINNER IN MANILA on AUGUST 29.—Left to right, front: Cu Ka Keng, O Tjong Keng, Siy Chong Keng, Wong Yau-cheung, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, M.A. (Headmaster), Uy Cho Yee (School's representative in Manila), H. K. Kwong (Chinese Consul-General), Dr. See Chong Su, Ph.D., Mariano Malcampo; back: Des Se, Kiat, Ty Kim Puat, Ngan Su Chioh, Ty Giok Kim, Ngo Ka Hu, Chua Lian Soon, Ty Tian Kee, Li Hoan Chai, Uy Teng Yiu, Uy Teng Tong, Chua Kai Tai.



REPULSE BAY AS SEEN FROM THE AIR.—This is how Hong Kong's famous "South Coast" resort appears to the airman. In the centre is the main building of the Repulse Bay Hotel, famous throughout the world; on its side are the residential wings. Nearer the foreground are the picturesque approaches. In lower part of photo are some of the bathing sheds.



CHINESE DELEGATION ENTERTAINED IN GERMANY.—The Chinese Delegation to the 12th International Labour Conference was recently entertained by the German Minister of Labour. Left to right, front row: Mr. Jennings Wong (Adviser to Labour Delegate), Dr. Kenneth H. Fu (Adviser to Government Delegates), Mr. Ma Chen-chun (Labour Delegate), Mr. Chiang Tso-ning (Chinese Minister to Germany), Dr. Rudolf Wissell (German Minister of Labour), Col. M. Thomas Tchou (First Government Delegate), Dr. Herman Geib (German Vice-Minister of Labour), Mr. Lone Liang (Councillor to Chinese Legation in Germany).



VISIT TO MR. TSANG FOOK'S VILLA IN KOWLOON CITY.—Where some beautiful lilacs are grown. Left to right, front: H. P. Tsang, Mrs. P. H. Tsang, Mrs. P. D. Wilson (wife of Mr. P. D. Wilson, of the Public Works Department), Mr. Tsang Fook, Mrs. Tsang Fook, Mr. A. E. Wright (Assistant Director of Public Works, who has just gone home on retirement); back: Miss S. F. Tsang, C. K. Tsang, K. C. Tsang, Miss Lily Tsang, C. C. Tsang.—(A. Fong).



"BLUE SKIES."—With Frank Alberson, and Helen Twelvrees, at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, next week end.



A RIVER SCENE.—Junks clustered along the bank of the Yangtze.



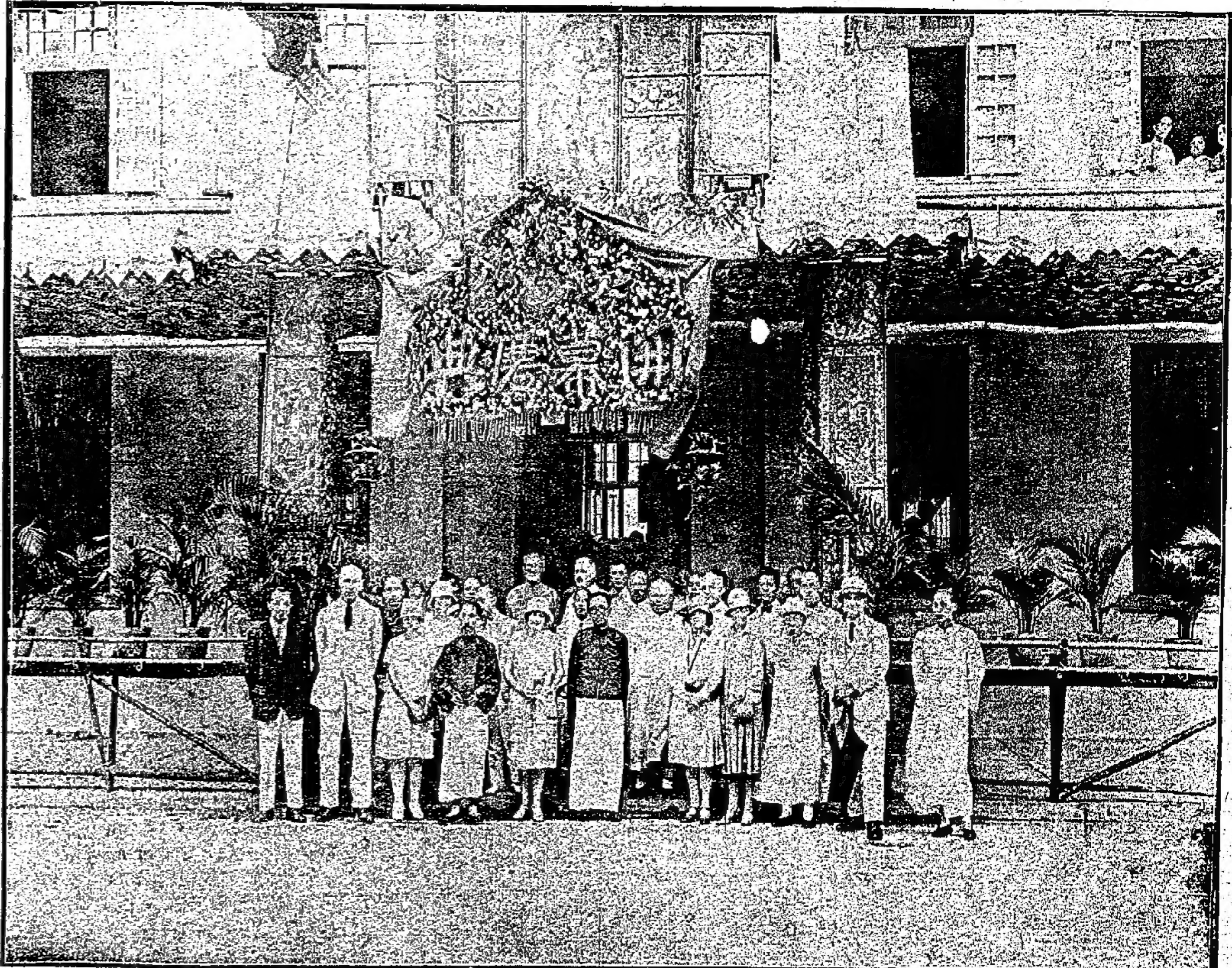
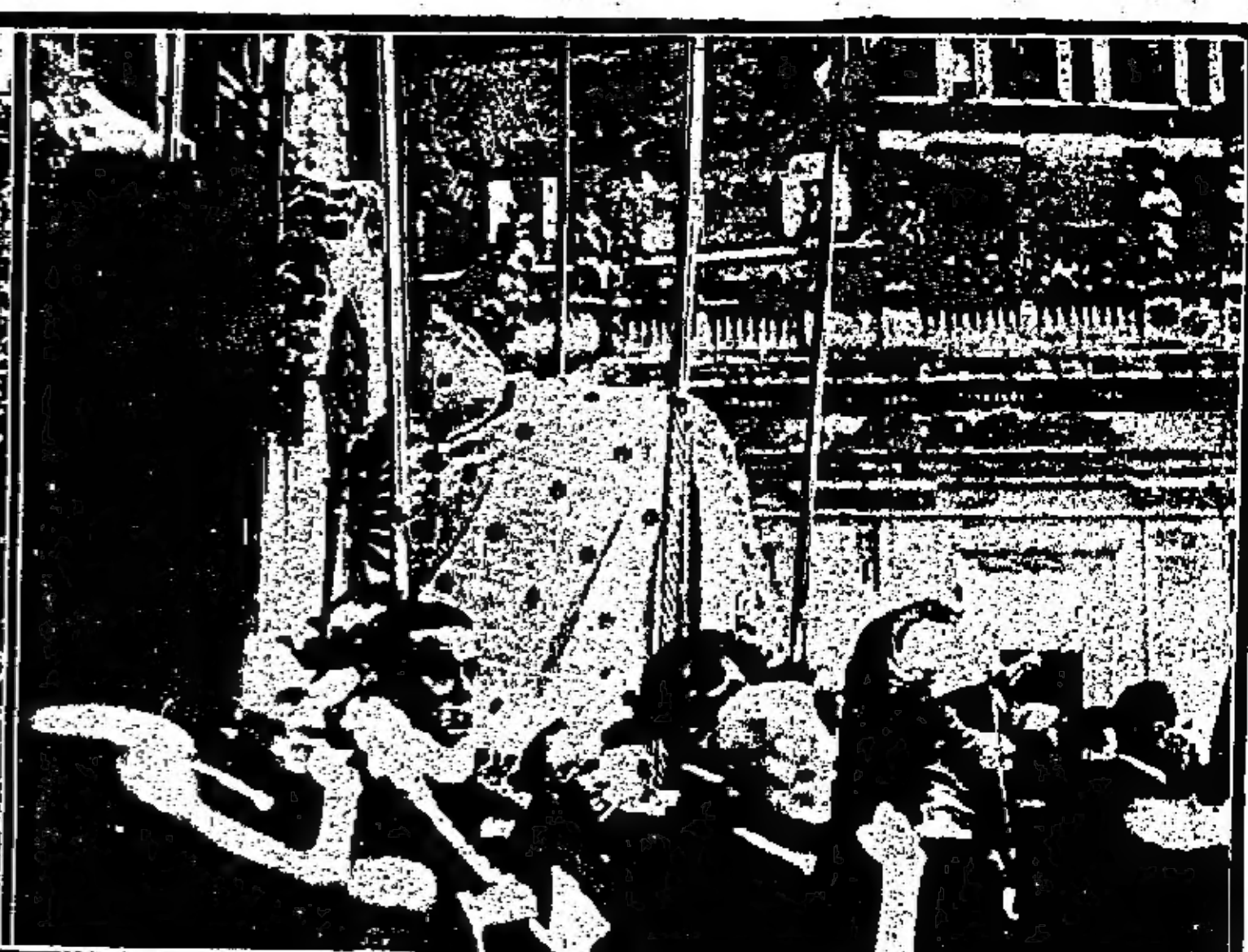
"WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS."—Featuring Carroll Nye and Anita Page, at the Queen's Theatre, September 12 to 14.



MR. FREDERICK KENNETH EWART, M.A. (Oxon.), P.C.S. — Who has left the Colony. He arrived in Hong Kong on October 1, 1928, on appointment to be Science Master, King's College. This year he became Matriculation Class Master. Mr. Ewart has been closely identified with the life-saving classes held here.



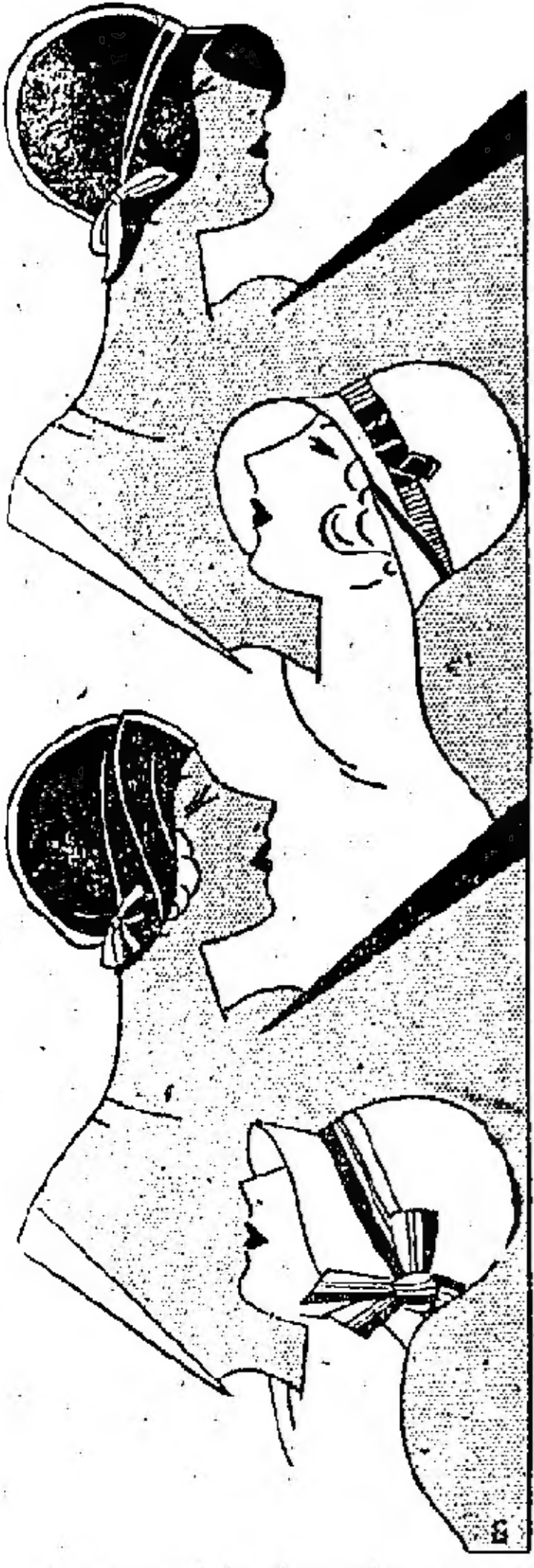
THE POPE LEAVES THE VATICAN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1870.—A crowd of over 300,000 thronged Rome to celebrate the Pope's first emergence from the Vatican for 60 years to take possession of the new territory ceded him by the Lateran Treaties. Twelve pontifical grooms-in-waiting carried the Pope on a richly decorated platform from the Vatican to St. Peter's, while Italian troops were present to honour him and keep order. At left is seen a general view of Pope Pius XI being carried round Bernini's Colonnade in the procession. At right, Pope Pius XI is shown being borne in his papal chair in the procession.



OPENING OF SHAIKWAN PUBLIC DISPENSARY LAST SATURDAY.—In front row, on extreme left is the Hon. Dr. R. H. Rotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.; Next to him is the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs) who spoke in Chinese. The two in Chinese long gowns and black jackets are Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., and Mr. Leung-Pat-u, the chairmen. Between them is Mrs. North, who performed the opening ceremony. Second from right is the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services). Third from right is the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.—(A. Fong).



Distinctive Hats



That which is distinctive and yet can be worn on most occasions—this is the recommendation of the hats drawn above, two for summer, the other two for a little cooler weather.

FASHION HINTS

CHIFFON AN IDEAL EVENING COSTUME

Travis Banton, Wardrobe creator for Paramount Studios, writes:—Chiffon—beaded, painted or printed—creates the ideal evening costume for the spring and summer months.

The painted and printed chiffons are highly suitable for theatre and hotel wear, while the beaded gowns should make their appearance for occasions of some formality.

Mauve and orchid combinations are entrancingly lovely, and Baelanova employs this subtle colour scheme for her dinner ensemble. Two large orchids are painted over the front of the bodice and skirt, and blend into the faintly pink background.

Ether Ralston also adopts mauve for her chiffon dinner ensemble. The sleeveless frock is accompanied by a jacket, delicately traced in crystal beads. A large hat of transparent straw completes her costume.

Red-haired Nancy Carroll, knowingly wears periwinkle blue chiffon daintily splashed with clusters of glittering beads. The cape and skirt of this frock following the fashionable downward trend at the back.

Doris Hill achieves charming simplicity in a dance frock of pale green chiffon that is untrimmed except for a shower of pale yellow flowers that fall from the shoulder down the back.

Transparent velvet in harmonising colours, create ultra-chic wraps for the summer-time chiffon gown.

NEW COAT LENGTH

INTERESTING FASHION-POINT AT MOMENT

The three-quarter-length coat is quite the most interesting fashion-point of the moment. The Hon. Mrs. C. W. Forster writes:—I have foretold its arrival for some time, a craze for this particular length of coat having been fore-shadowed by many modes. It will ensure that skirts, even for tailor-mades, are not shorter. I have all through this season emphasised the fact that the knees must be covered! This peculiar type of coat, which is so sponsored for the early autumn models, is only becoming when the skirt is longer. Otherwise the proportions detract from height and slenderness.

I do not consider, in any case, that it is as flattering to the figure as the coat of full length, especially in thicker fabric. But for the mid-season the three-quarter, or that very short-to-the-hip length, is the accepted mode for new jackets.

But it is too early to predict the autumn mode. I have already studied more than one style that will shortly appear, and I am convinced that fashion seldom neglects for long those lines that make for slenderness and grace. I am sure that the coming modes will adopt many compromises. Certain figures can stand all sorts of weird fashions, and it is for them to introduce high waist-line and a new flare below that curious, sheath-like corsage. Some fashions undoubtedly tend to be complicated and elaborate. In certain circles there is a distinct feeling for the bolero and zouave effects.

The Continental holiday-maker will doubtless see many interesting phases of fashion make their debut in the first of the mid-season collections at Deauville, Aix and other gay spots. It is wise to study closely the chief points of such ultra-novel modes, for from these models, often freakish, that are launched in this way, evolve some of the more sober autumn creations. Yet it is quite certain that fashion is more than ever inclined to intricacies of cut and elaboration in details. Dress is going to be more difficult for those who are in the social circle that demands such endless striving after sartorial distinction.

Evening dress at smart gatherings abroad, or at private parties during Cowes week, will provide some of the most elaborate and intricate modes witnessed since the 'eighties, though they will be treated in a more sympathetic and flattering manner. The tunic and princess frock, with circular underskirts and pointed panels, needs skilful cut and the manipulation of the super-dressmaker.

EVENING MATERIAL

The moire fabrics used for evening frocks have almost a taffeta finish. Satins are also very rich, and printed chiffons are produced in excellent colours and designs. Notably popular among evening gown fabrics are crepe and silk laces, very finely patterned lace, and a varied range of nets.

Flowered Chiffon



Nothing could be daintier for a garden party than this two-piece of floral patterned chiffon, with its fashionable cut edged with a deep flounce and wide bell-shaped sleeves. A shady straw hat to tone and parasol, completes the dainty ensemble.—By Selfridge, London.

IN THE SALE ROOM

WILLIAM AND MARY CHAIRS

Period furniture brought high prices at Hurrecombs, Calder House, Piccadilly, on mail week. For a set of William and Mary chairs—one armchair and four others—and a pair of Chippendale mahogany stools £1,165 (Mallett) was given. The same buyer took at £820 a Chippendale card table, a pair of dining chairs, and a tripod table, and at £150 a Chippendale mahogany pole screen. Two Chippendale mahogany armchairs made £1,040 (Cameron), and a pair of Queen Anne high-back chairs £580 (do).

In the course of a sale of pictures in Willis's Rooms, King-street, St. James, Messrs. Robinson, Fisher, and Harding received £252 (Frost and Reid) for a portrait by Sir W. Beechey of Mrs. Worthington in a white dress with lace frills. This painting was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1838. A picture of a huntsman with hounds, in a landscape, by F. C. Turner, 1843, sold for £199 10s. (W. H. Turner), and a vase of flowers, on panel, by Breughel, £39 15s (Terry), while "The Seagulls' Home," by Peter Graham, R.A., brought £162 15s (Sampson).

AUTUMN MODES

ARE FASHIONS BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT?

The Hon. Mrs. C. W. Forster writes:

Times have changed! Once, when the official season was on the wane, fashion was permitted a brief rest. But the modern way requires a daily diet of novel fashion-points, even if it is content to await a new collection of models. In Paris, now that their season is officially over, they are busy preparing models for the world's buyers.

Serge and Angora

The tailored trend must be taken into account by the woman who contemplates a holiday by sea or motor, abroad or at home. Then there are still special functions before us that require special clothes. I have seen a suit for Cowes, in navy-and-white. The simply-cut coat in serge is three-quarter length, lined white Angora, of which fabric the jumper is composed, with touches of navy. The hat, of navy felt, has a brim of white Manila.

Naturally, those people at Cowes who are members of the R.Y.S. will wear their particular weaves in serge and special buttons and sport the white ensign in red and white enamel, or, preferably, diamonds and rubies! Still, the chic note at Cowes always has been neatness, even in the days of full skirts and heavy fringes!

Linen Ensembles

Many novel ways of combining colours and effects by means of weaves and stitchery are noticeable in seaside frocks. Cottons and uncrushable linens look charming on beach or plage. A frock of pink, blue, or yellow linen trimmed with hem, faggot, or cross-stitch, a fancy kid belt, and worn with a gay printed linen coat, looks charming and simple. Tussore and crepe frocks are treated in similar fashion, and nearly always have little cut.

For less warm places there are knitted and flannel suits, cardigan and skirt with jumper, a coloured, grey, or white flannel coat and skirt. Sometimes an elaborate blouse takes the place of jumper. A smart suit in grey flannel is trimmed with big pearl buttons and worn over a striped jumper in grey and blue lisle.

The greatest attention must also be given to the details. Bags and scarves are often composed of printed fabric, to contrast or match. Shoes and hosiery should express the last word in novelty, but be suited to the environment. All sorts of fanciful plaid and embroidered sandals are correct for foreign places, but entirely out-of-place with British-tailored clothes, and only wearable with beach dresses.

Extremely Graceful



Marshall flowered voile in a futuristic design, in orchid and almond-green shades, comprises this attractive afternoon gown. Graceful godets fall from the hips on either side, giving the necessary fullness, while the skirt still features the fashionable "dip" at the back.—By Reville, Ltd., London.

FOOD IN HEAT

THE SPREAD OF THE REFRIGERATOR

The hot summer and the prohibition of preservatives in foods are causing people to appreciate the value of refrigerators. These ice safes were practically unknown in ordinary households until a year or two ago. To-day inquiries about them are being received from many quarters, and several families, according to those who deal in the various kinds of these safes that are on the market, have come to the conclusion that they are now a necessity; for food, they say, since the new Act was brought into operation, will not keep fresh without them.

In cool weather bacteriae do not multiply very fast; but as soon as the temperature rises above fifty degrees deterioration sets in rapidly. The best refrigerators automatically keep the temperature constantly below this danger line, the amount of current required, supposing the machine that provides refrigeration is attached to the household electricity supply, costing no more than about a penny a day.

Some of the cabinet models now being shown are lined with pro-

NEW DRESS IDEAS

SKIRTS AND JUMPERS LONGER

Once again it is to detail rather than to the actual silhouette that we must look for new ideas. There are no drastic changes in the clothes of the new season, but in this all-important matter of detail it is easy to see that the dressmaking world has not been idle.

Coat, apparently plain and fairly straight, are in many cases composed literally of dozens of pieces so inconspicuously joined together that the clever craftsmanship is not revealed until the light catches the garment. In one instance a coat-back which appeared to be one straight panel was really composed of a number of diamond-shaped sections. This is a typical example of coat treatments.

Skirts, for the most part, are longer. So also are the newest jumpers, most of which are belted in the region of the normal waist-line. An innovation takes the form of huge pockets; some of them, round and large as a plate, are set low on the left side. Such pockets strike a most original note on garments that are otherwise a little "ordinary."

Interesting Coat Linings

Coat linings are peculiarly interesting. Often a plain lining has a piquant edging in two bright shades so that this touch of vivid colour immediately catches the eye when the coat is opened. It is a most attractive touch on a rather sombre garment.

The Ubiquitous Short Coat

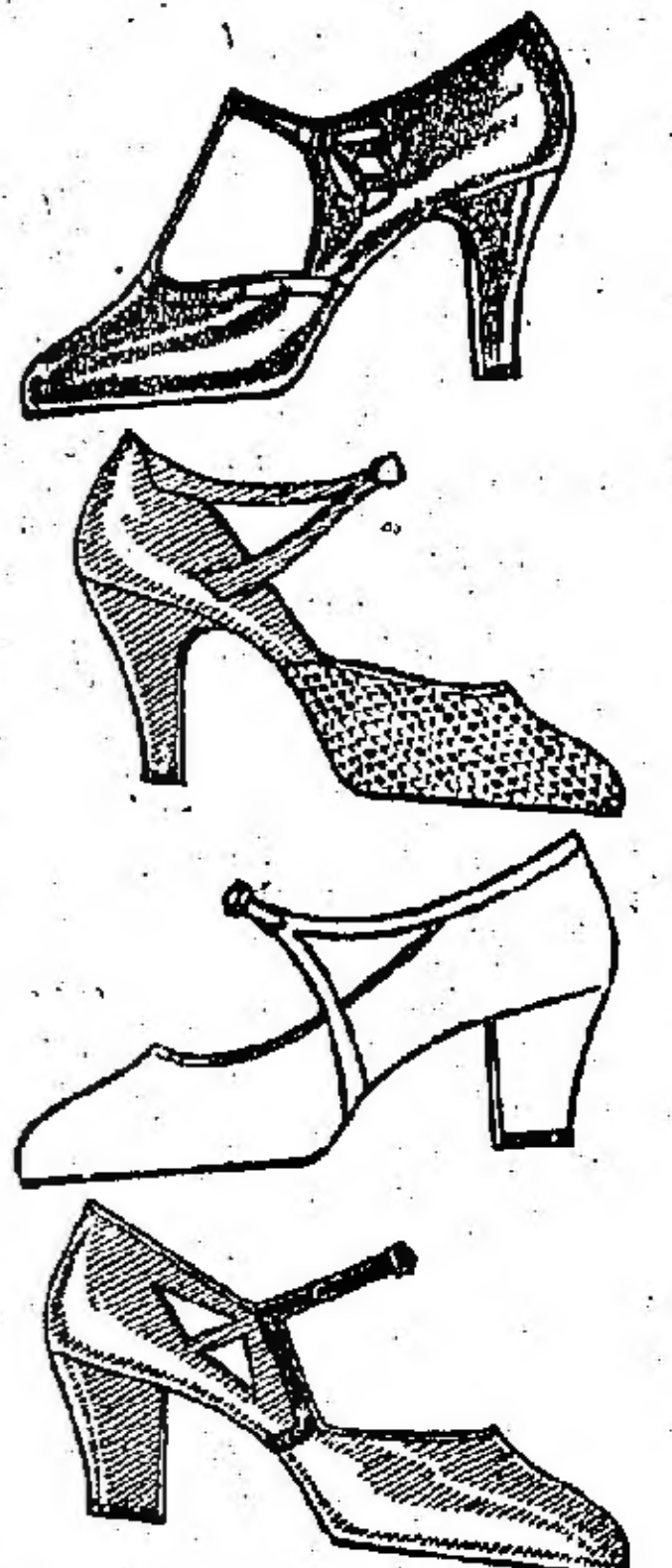
Short coats are legion. Unfortunately, this fashion seems to be inspiring some rather "piecemeal" looking creations. There are many women who will not be "drawn" by the black-satin-skirt-and-coloured-coat combine. It figures none the less, in an important collection.

celain, and the edges are rounded in order to save labour in cleaning. The shelves, which are removable, hold meat, poultry, fish, butter, milk, fruit—anything, in fact, that is ordinarily perishable.

"No one," declared an authority, "has really tasted a salad until a refrigerator has been installed, for usually it is allowed to stand for a time after it is made, and it gets limp, whereas, if you pop it into a refrigerator it comes out at any time you require it wonderfully crisp."

"The effect on meat is similarly beneficial. The best steak bought at the butcher's if immediately cooked, will often be tough. But let the steak be bought some days before it is actually wanted, and kept in the refrigerator, and you will find that it is equal to any that is served in the best hotels."

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WOMEN AND SEWING

LITTLE HOME DRESSMAKING NOW

The application that knitted hosiery and other knitted goods should be marked on importation with an indication of the country of origin was further considered by the Standing Committee appointed by the Board of Trade under the Merchandise Marks Act.

Mr. W. T. Caves, secretary of the Wholesale Textile Association, in opposing the application, said that his association objected to a requirement that fabrics should be marked at intervals along the edge. A ticket on each end of a "roll of fabric" would suffice. The great bulk of fabric was used by trade makers-up, and very little was sold for home dressmaking.

"Women," he said, "don't sew as they used to do."

Sir Hubert Llewellyn Smith, who presided: Is there not still a great deal of home dressmaking?

Mr. Caves: Yes, but much less than there used to be.

Sir Hubert: I thought from what I have heard: at other inquiries that home dressmaking had not gone out, but that the person left out in the cold was the old-fashioned dressmaker.

The inquiry was closed, and Sir Hubert Llewellyn Smith intimated that the Committee would report to the Board of Trade.

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Mary Doran, left, appears in a striking coat of wide broadcloth with black and white galyak trimming. Another of the season's smart sports outfits most appropriate for yachting is worn by Josephine Dunn, right. This consists of a box pleated white jersey skirt worn by a sleeveless jumper and navy blue double-breasted coat. A piquant white angora beret completes the chic ensemble.

Grace in Every Line



A youthful frock of shell-pink crepe fashioned with a slender bodice and circular skirt. A graceful collar trims the neckline and is finished with a bow in front, matching that at the front of the skirt.

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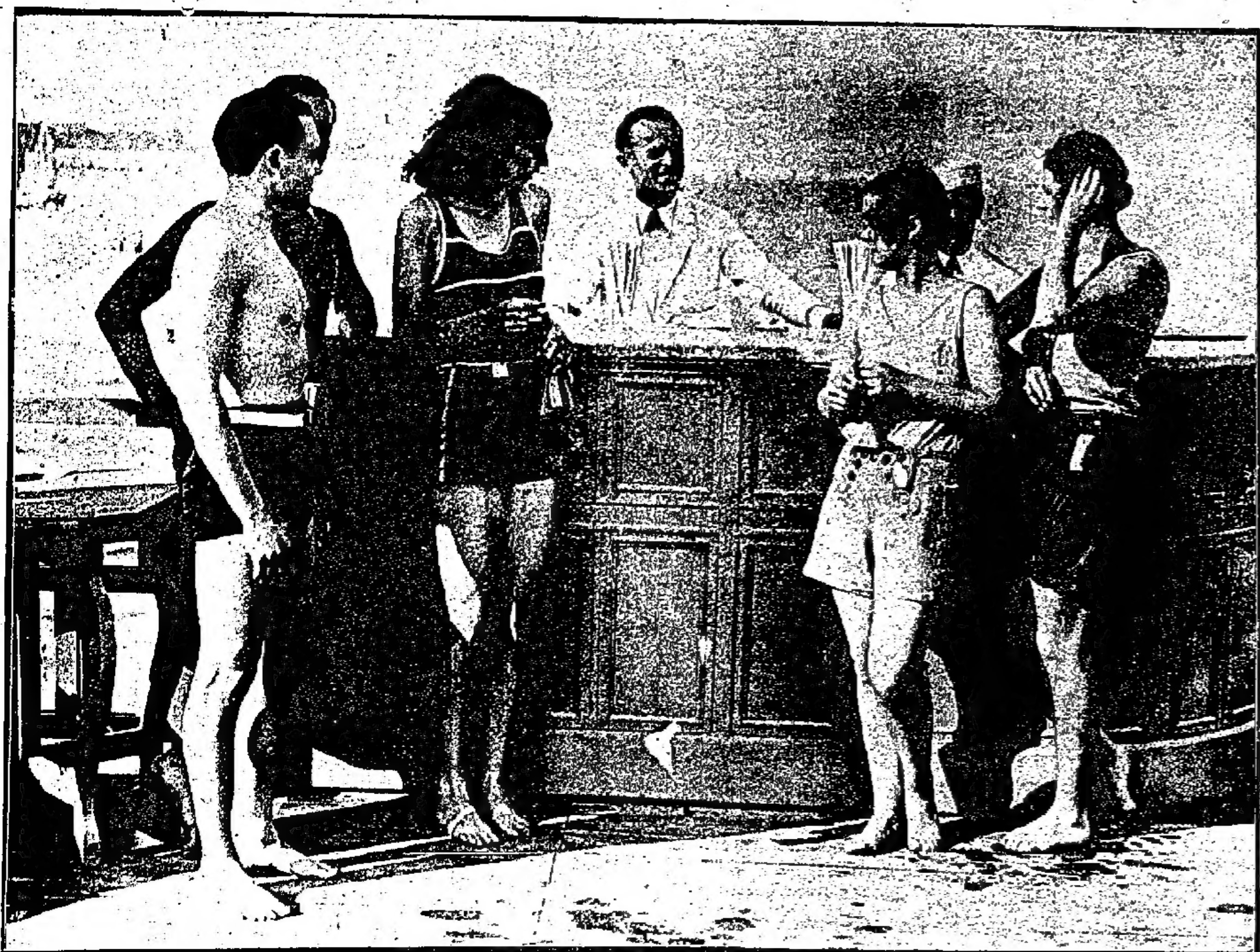
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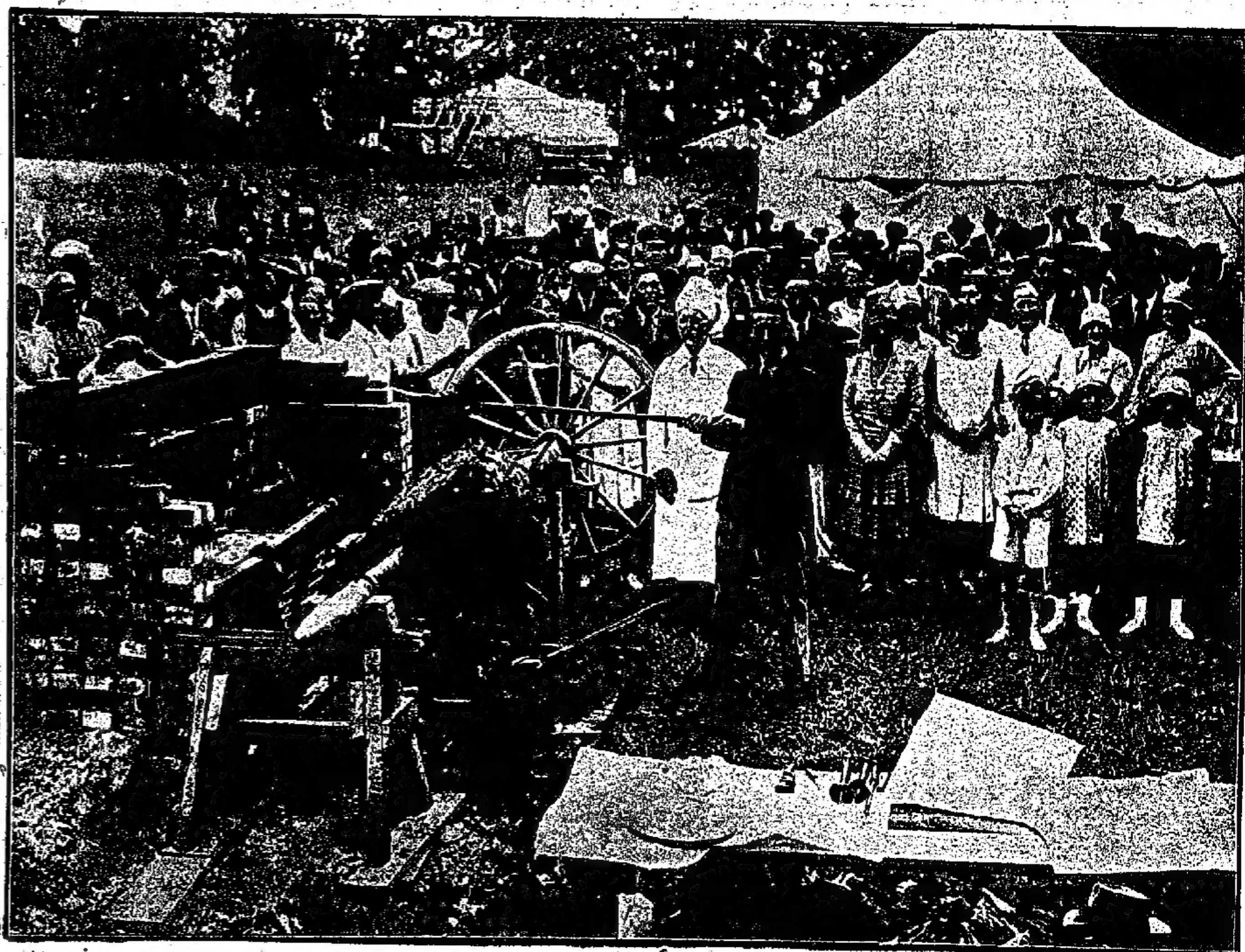
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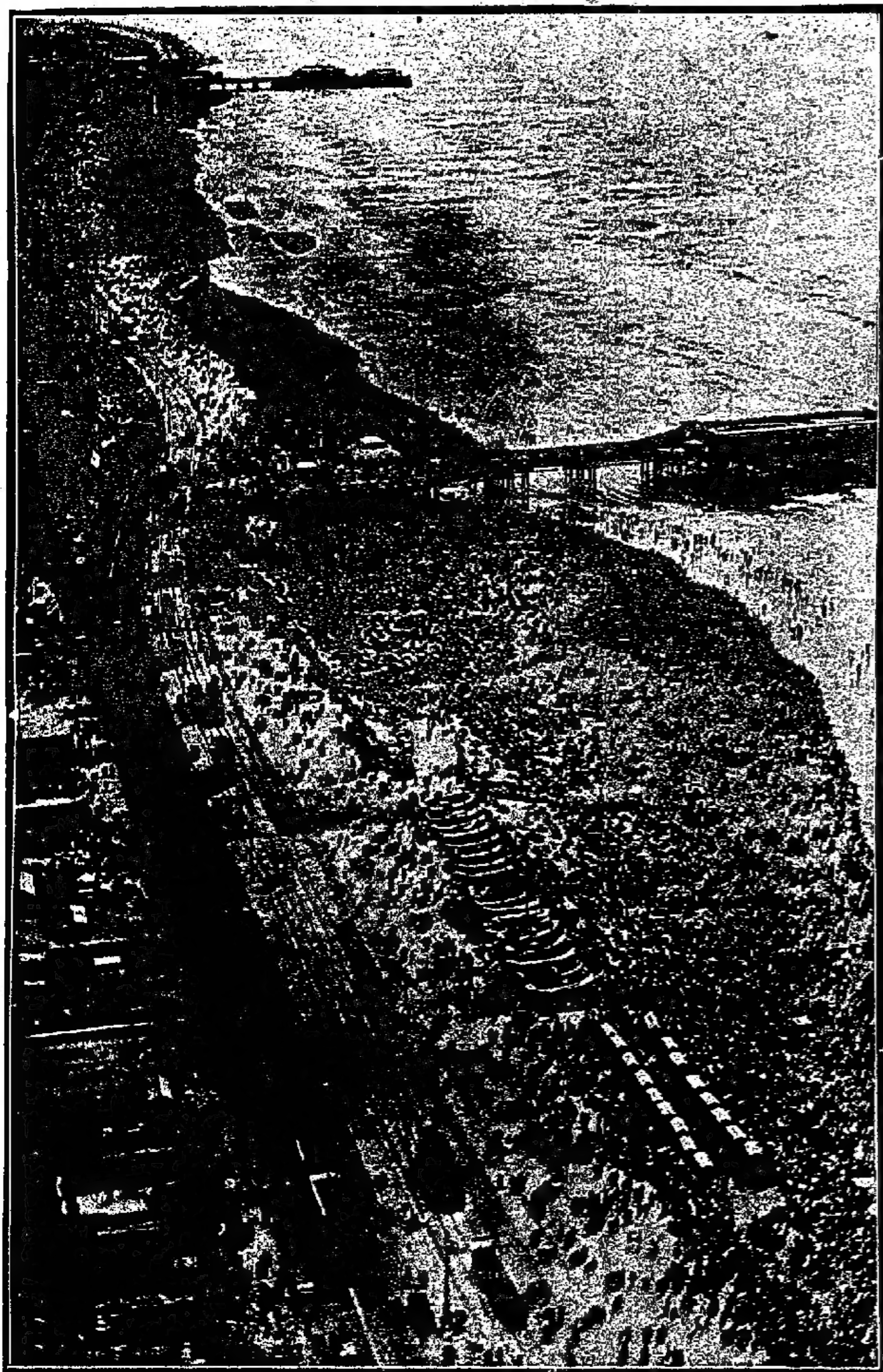
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A REFRESHMENT BAR.—A popular innovation this year, at Lido, Italy. Bathing patrons patronising the refreshment bar on the newly constructed pier, after their swim. Notice the broad smile of the bar-tender. It is enough to win him customers galore.—(Sport and General).



THE ROASTING OF THE OX.—Lord Furneaux, son and heir of Lord Birkenhead, is seen basting the beast, and the House party, including Lord and Lady Birkenhead and their daughters, Lady Pamela and Lady Eleanor Smith, at the coming-of-age feast at Charlton.—(Sport and General).



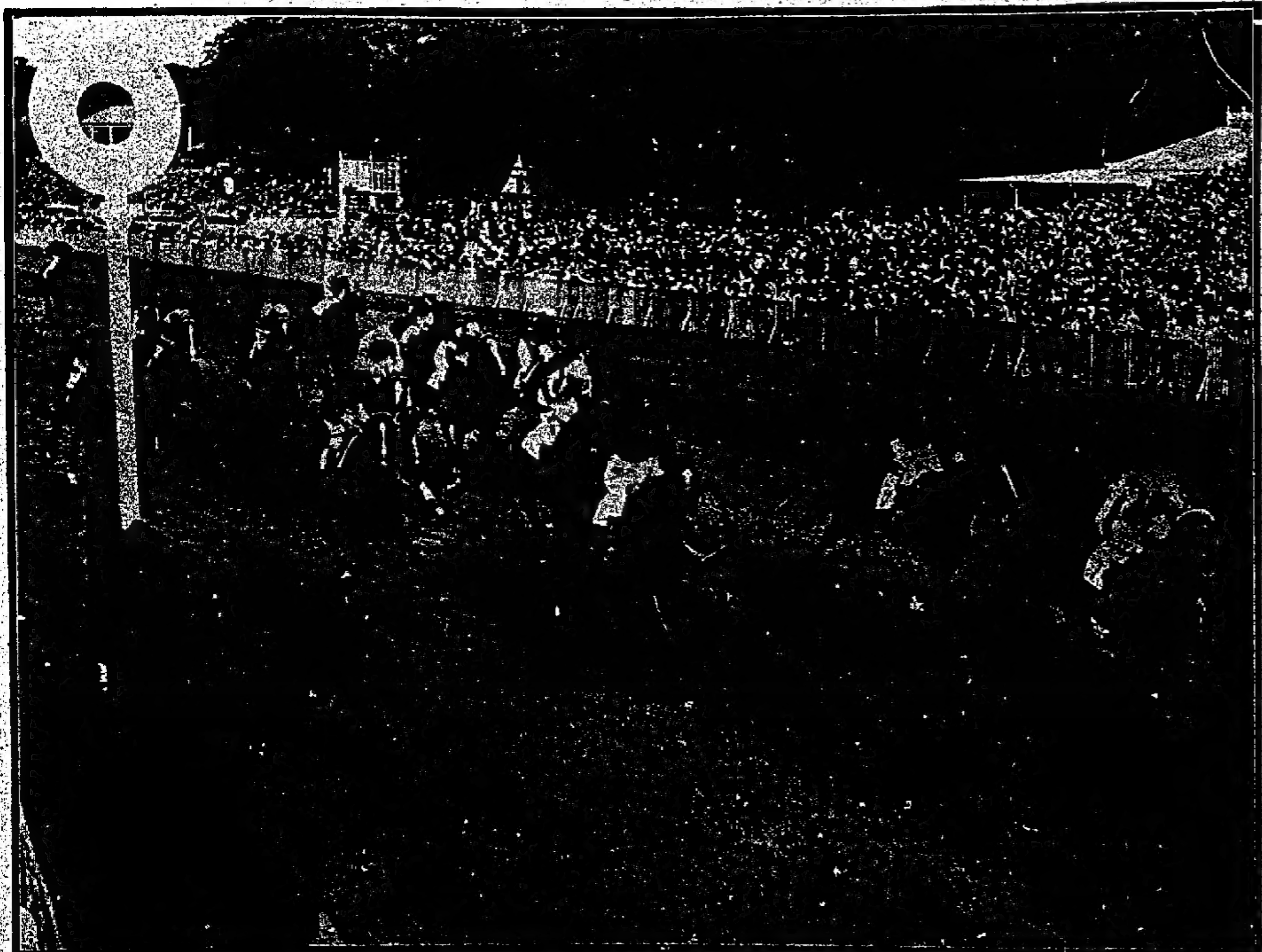
AT BLACKPOOL.—A remarkable aerial view of the holiday crowds during one of these "wakes," on the promenade and sands at Blackpool, where all mills are closed for a week during the holiday.—(Sport and General).



M. BLERIOT'S ANNIVERSARY CROSS-CHANNEL FLIGHT.—In celebration of his flight to Dover 20 years ago in a monoplane. The R.A.F. escorts fly over M. Bleriot's plane in salute as it landed at Dover.—(Sport and General).



RUSSIAN ENVOY.—M. Doygalevsky, the Soviet Ambassador to Paris, arrives at the Foreign Office, London, to meet Mr. Henderson, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, at Whitehall, London.—(Sport and General).



"GLORIOUS GOODWOOD."—The last big social race meeting of the season showing the finish of the Stewards' Cup Handicap, won by Mr. Sol Joel's "Fleeting Memory" (R. Perryman up) from Capt. Whitworth's "Golden Oracle" (J. Childs up).—(Sport and General).



SCENES ON THE LIDO, ITALY.—The charming and popular pleasure resort on the Venetian coast where society spend their holidays and display the latest in sun and sea bathing costumes. Two bathers enjoying themselves on a new cycle craft, which is proving a popular pastime.—(Sport and General).



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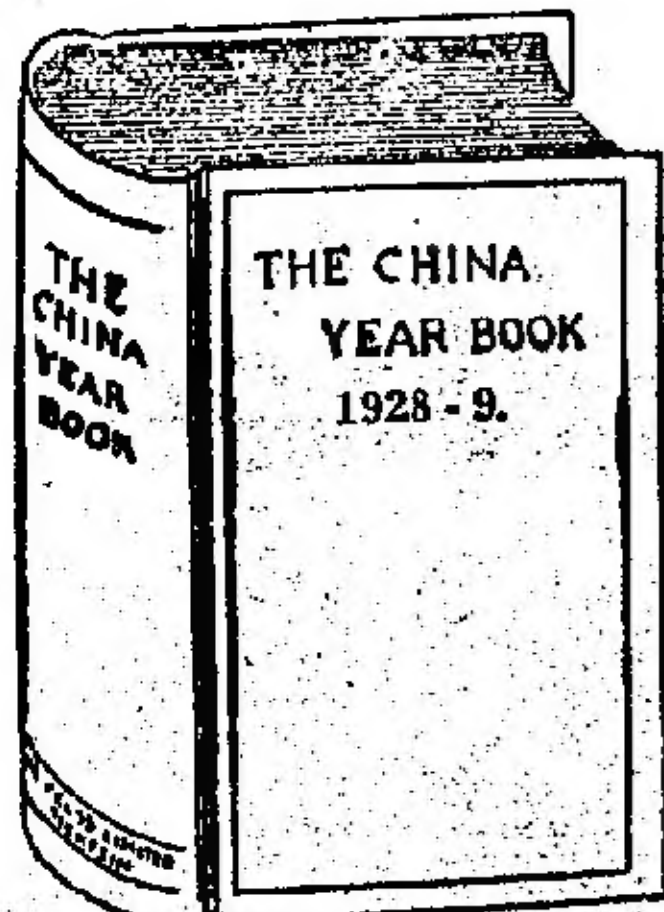
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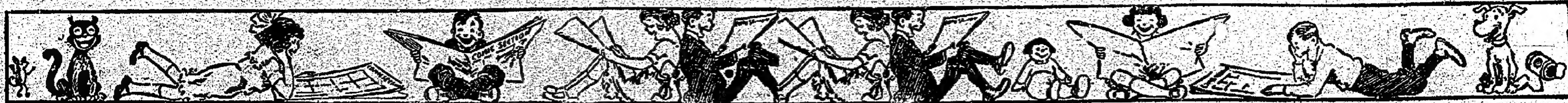
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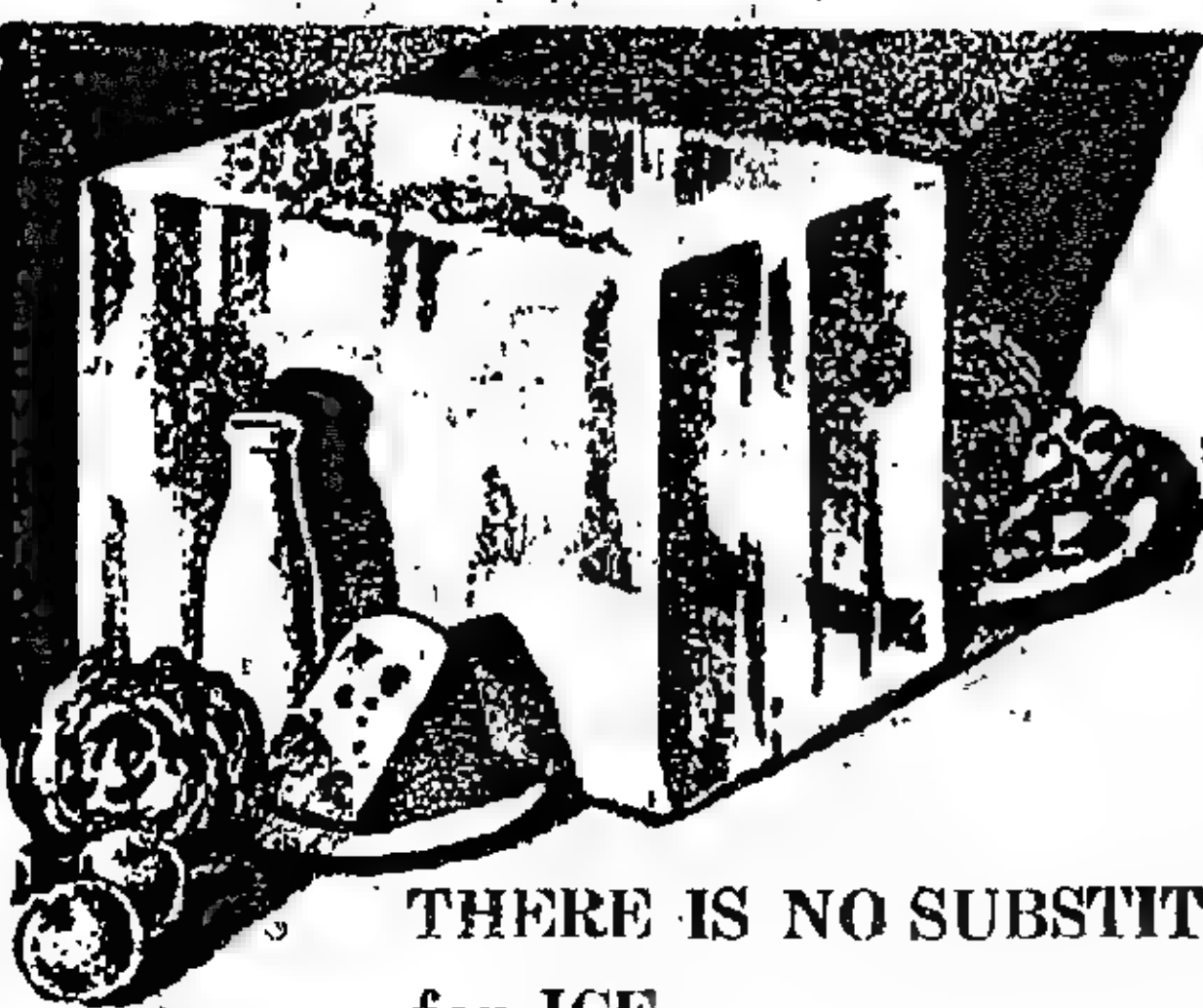
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WATER SUPPLY

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the lower Shek-lai-pui valley. It requires no contingent works such as filters or pumping plant; and, although not a part of the Sheng-mun scheme, it can be developed economically in connection with that scheme. Its cost is estimated at \$800,000. Its construction was approved by resolution of this Council on the 24th January last.

I have now described all the works already sanctioned and actually in progress. But there are further waterworks, which we are anxious to take in hand as soon as the schemes for them have been worked out in detail and estimates of their cost prepared. We hope with as little delay as possible to begin the construction of a dam in the Sheng-mun gorge. Its site has already been located, and it is roughly calculated that the reservoir so formed will impound between 1,000 and 1,500 million gallons according to the height of the dam. I shall be prepared to put this scheme before you and invite you to approve it as soon as reliable estimates of its cost are available. Moreover, it is possible that further examination of the Sheng-mun valley may indicate the advisability of constructing a second storage reservoir higher up the stream than the site in the gorge; but the best location of the dam for this second reservoir has not yet been determined. It is also very likely that this Council will be invited before long to approve the construction of catchwaters running along the whole southern face of Tai-mo-shan and discharging through Pineapple Pass into the Sheng-mun gorge reservoir, for it is estimated that an additional catchment area of 2,575 acres would thus be obtained. But the schemes known as the second, third and fourth sections of the Sheng-mun valley waterworks are still in a very rough and inchoate form, though it is safe to predict that in the near future the Hong Kong Government will have to spend about ten million dollars upon waterworks construction additional to that already sanctioned and now in progress. When this has been done, and if the pipeline across the bed of the harbour proves to be a success, the requirements both of Hong Kong Island and of Old and New Kowloon should for a time be adequately supplied.

Salt Water

The possibility of using salt water for fire fighting, for road watering and for flushing sewers has been carefully investigated. It is computed that the quantity of water used for fire fighting has never in this Colony exceeded one million gallons a year; and the amount used for road watering and cleansing side-channels is estimated at 6½ million gallons a year. This demand can be adequately met in years of normal rainfall by the use of water from the nullahs and in times of drought salt water can be used, when necessary, in streets adjacent to the sea. For flushing closets and sewers the majority of buildings now obtain their supplies from wells and nullahs; and at the present time only 83 million gallons a year are drawn from the storage reservoirs for this purpose. The total annual demand for these three services is, therefore, less than 100 million gallons and does not warrant the installation of an elaborate and expensive system of piped sea water laid on throughout the city. But the whole question of the development of our nullah supplies to their utmost capacity is now receiving the attention of the Public Works Department.

Government's Aim

The aim of this Government is to give every house connected with the waterworks, both on Hong Kong Island and on the mainland, a full supply of filtered water throughout the year. This should become possible in 1932, when the first section of the Sheng-mun scheme, the Kowloon Byewash reservoir and the new Aberdeen reservoir will be complete. All have been completed for the capacity of the existing waterworks on the island, namely, 725 million gallons a day, will then be increased by 3½ million gallons a day from Sheng-mun and 2½ million gallons a day from Aberdeen. The maximum rate of supply to the island would, therefore, amount to 128½ million gallons a day for the estimate of Mr. R. M. Henderson, our Waterworks Engineer, may in that year be as much as 11½ million gallons a day (S.P. No. 4/1928, page 5). When we are thus a little ahead of the daily demand, and not lagging behind the requirements of our population in the matter of water supply, we ought to be able to abolish the rider-mains and give a metered service throughout Victoria City, the cost of water being paid for in proportion to the amount consumed and a price commensurate with the Colony's or that on waterworks.

Finance

So I come to the question of waterworks finance. The capital outlay of this Government on waterworks from the date when the first storage scheme at Pok-fu-lam was begun down to the present time is as follows:—

(a) Waterworks on Hong Kong Island:—	
1. Pok-fu-lam reservoir and contingent works	\$ 455,360
2. Tyiam scheme	1,624,021
3. Wong-nai-ch'ung reservoir, Bowen Road filters and contingent works	330,127
4. West Point filter-beds	37,431
5. Tyiam intermediate scheme	1,040,058
6. Tyiam-tuk scheme	3,016,049
7. Elliot filter-beds and service reservoir	395,565
8. Pok-fu-lam pumping-station	215,851
9. Eastern filter-beds scheme	537,862
10. Workshop and plant	47,969
11. Bowen Road filter-beds conversion	144,890
12. Shau-ki-wan supply	37,839
13. Repulse Bay supply	32,659
14. Distribution works	768,321
15. Miscellaneous water works and minor extensions to mains	324,923
	\$3,999,016

(b) Waterworks on the mainland:—	
1. Original pumping scheme	\$ 125,612
2. Kowloon reservoir and gravitation scheme	1,659,363
3. Shek-lai-pui reservoir	267,598
4. Fan-ling water-supply	44,752
5. Tai-po water-supply	28,175
6. Distribution works	476,087
7. Lai-chi-kok water-boat dock	520,446
8. Miscellaneous water-works	102,527
9. Sheng-mun water-works to 30/6/29	2,326,490
	\$5,551,550

(c) Waterworks authorized and under construction:—	
1. Harbour pipe-line scheme	\$ 361,602
2. Kowloon bye-wash reservoir	600,000
3. Aberdeen scheme	2,702,000
	\$3,663,602
The grand total is, therefore, \$13,214,168. Upon this sum a charge of 2 per cent. per annum for depreciation and maintenance, plus 6 per cent. per annum as interest on capital outlay, would amount to \$1,457,133 per annum. There must be added to this figure the annually recurrent waterworks expenditure of this Government, which, neglecting special storm damage and exclusive of upkeep of office and expenditure met from general votes, was in 1928 as follows:—	
Maintenance votes, Hong Kong island	\$296,434.47
Maintenance votes, mainland	82,957.82
Salaries of staff	131,454.00
	\$510,846.29

On the basis of this calculation a total sum of \$1,967,979 per annum would have to be collected as revenue by this Government, in order to pay for the cost of its waterworks. In point of fact, however, the income of this Government from waterworks during 1928 was as follows:—
Excess water charges

and meter rents

\$1,336,571.63

Therefore, upon this estimate, our revenue from waterworks is \$631,408 less than it should be. Moreover, as I have already said, it is safe to predict that the Hong Kong Government will have to spend a further sum of about ten million dollars upon waterworks construction additional to that already sanctioned and now in progress. It is also quite certain that annually recurrent maintenance expenditure both on the island and the mainland will increase and that in future years the salaries of the waterworks staff will cost us more. Assuming then that our total capital outlay on waterworks will be for very long amount to 28 million dollars and that our annually recurrent waterworks expenditure, when that time comes, may be (\$ay) \$700,000, then on the basis above indicated we should have to collect an annual revenue of just three millions dollars, in order to make our waterworks, not remunerative, but self-supporting.

A Prediction

There is another consideration which must be carefully weighted: I have said that it is the aim of the Hong Kong Government to give every house, connected with the waterworks, both on the island and on the mainland, a full supply of filtered water throughout the year. But, if this is to be done, it is clearly necessary to take steps to impress upon all householders and residents in the Colony the civic duty of conserving, and not wasting, water. I can think of no better way of doing this than to make all who consume water pay by meter for what they consume. If that is to be our policy, then the so-called "free allowance" would have to be abolished. We should also have to abolish the 2 per cent. water rate; and, of course, the

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rider-mains. Instead we should require all houses connected with the water-mains to instal meters, and the consumers of water to pay for their metered supplies in accordance with a sliding scale, which would be comparatively low for the first few gallons a day, but steadily increase for each gallon thereafter, in order to check excess consumption. It would also be desirable that water accounts should be rendered monthly, and not quarterly as at present. Such a change would, of course, involve a certain amount of extra-work both at the Treasury and in the Waterworks Office. But the advantages quite outweigh this objection. With monthly accounts, high consumption is at once forcibly brought to the notice of consumers; the chances of bad debts or fraud are much diminished; and a large sum of money is brought into the Treasury several months earlier than under the quarterly account system.

Full Supply for All

It is evident, gentlemen, that we ought soon to reconsider the methods by which we raise our waterworks revenue, and also the rates which we charge. But I am reluctant to move in this matter until the waterworks now under construction have advanced to the stage at which we can give Hong Kong Island and the mainland a full supply throughout the year, instead of the intermittent supply which has been only too common during recent years. No motion on this subject will, therefore, be brought before you in connection with next year's budget. But it is more than likely that when the budget for 1931 is under consideration, you will be invited to give the question of waterworks finance your special attention.

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PO LEUNG KUK

REPORT ON LAST YEAR'S WORK

KIDNAPPING FEMALES

The Report on the work of the Po Leung Kuk for 1928, published by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, states that the Po Leung Kuk Society was founded in 1873 to aid in the detection and suppression of kidnapping, especially of girls and women, and to shelter such girls or women as had been kidnapped in the interior and brought to Hong Kong for sale or emigration. Its name means "institution for the protection of good women". The initiative in its formation came from the Chinese themselves, and ever since by subscription and personal service, they have continued to support it.

There is a paid Chinese staff, matron, amahs and nurses, and two clerks who are secretaries to the managing committee. This Committee meets every evening from Monday to Friday at 7 p.m. the principal meeting of the week being held at 12 noon on Sunday. It not only manages the Po Leung Kuk, but acts as an advisory committee to the Secretary for Chinese family life generally, which is often extremely difficult and tedious. It corresponds when necessary with charitable institutions and private persons in various parts of China, traces parents of lost children or ill-treated mistresses, and shelters for the night any Chinese woman or girl who chooses to go. When parents or relations cannot be traced, the Committee arranges for the girls in its care to be given in marriage (never as concubines), or in adoption, always under bond and always with the consent of this office; and in every case this office ascertains the girl's willingness before giving consent to either adoption or marriage. In addition to the annual Committee appointed by co-option there is a Permanent Committee, which serves to maintain continuity of policy, and of which the Secretary for Chinese Affairs is the ex-officio chairman.

The number of inmates of the Po Leung Kuk on January 1, 1928, was 61 and during the year 622 persons were admitted as against 502 in 1927. The circumstances of admission and the action taken in regard to them are set out in Table A.

Forty-two women and girls were admitted under warrant and 500 were admitted without warrant. Of the remainder 31 were lost children, 15 were accompanied by parents or guardians, and 34 were maid-servants or "mud-lai" who had left their masters or mistresses. On leaving the Kuk 275 women

BANK NOTES

LOCAL CIRCULATION AND RESERVE

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong, during the month ended August 31, 1928, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are as follows:—

Banks	Average Amount.	Specie In Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$15,131,014	\$5,300,000*
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	45,954,290	34,000,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	1,877,297	680,000‡

Total

* In addition Sterling Securities are deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,255,700.

† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$2,990,442.

‡ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$180,000.

The following statements of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911. (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):—

Security	Latest Amount mkt. price.
5½% Treasury Bonds repayable at 100 in 1930	\$180,000 99½-100½

and girls were restored to husbands or other relatives, 40 were sent to charitable institutions in China; 4 were given in adoption, 2 married, 241 released, (10 released under bond), 6 sent to Convent or Refuge and 4 died. The number of inmates remaining in the Kuk on December 31st was 61. The institution was visited monthly by Justices of the Peace, Messrs. A. G. Coppin and Dr. S. W. Tso, who on no occasion found cause for adverse comment. The average monthly number of inmates was 52. The matron reports favourably on the conduct, health and industry of the inmates during the year. There were 50 cases of sickness of which 27 were sent to the Tung Wah Hospital for treatment and of these 4 died. Lady Chow and Mrs. R. H. Kotewall, (the wives of the two Chinese Members of the Legislative Council) continued to undertake the duty of regular monthly visits of inspection during the year.

Sport Columns

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE SEASON OPENS ON OCTOBER 5

TWO WEEKS' FIXTURES

A meeting of the League Committee was held last evening, there being present Messrs. A. W. Eastman (Chairman), G. T. May, J. Rodgers, J. S. Shak, and W. E. Hollands (Hon. Secretary).

It was intimated that the following teams had entered for the league:

First Division

R.A.
Police R.A.
Chinese A.A.
Kowloon F.C.
Somerset L.I.
Navy.
K.O.S.B.
South China A.A.
Club de Recreo.
H.K.F.C.
St. Joseph's College.

Second Division

Eastern F.C.
K.O.S.B.
South China A.A.
Somerset L.I.
University.
Club de Recreo.
R.A.
Kowloon F.C.
Navy.
St. Joseph's College.
Ewo.
Chinese A.A.
H.K.F.C.

Only two entries were received for the Mid-Week League—both Chinese and it was decided to drop this.

It was stated that the K.O.S.B. were leaving in February, and they wanted their fixtures arranged in such a manner that they would be completed before they left.

The Hon. Secretary stated that this could be arranged.

Ground facilities have been increased with the Stadium erected at North Point by the Chinese Athletic Association, enabling a number of fixtures to be played there during the coming season.

The draw for the matches to be played on October 5 and 12, respectively, resulted:—

Saturday, October 5

DIVISION I

R.A. v. Police, Sookampoo ground.
Chinese A.A. v. Club de Recreo, Stadium.
H.K. Club v. Kowloon, Club ground.
Somerset v. Navy, Kowloon ground.
St. Joseph's v. K.O.S.B., St. Joseph's ground.

DIVISION II

Eastern v. K.O.S.B., St. Joseph's ground.
South China v. Somersets, Caroline Hill.
University v. Recreo, Stadium.
R.A. v. Kowloon, Sookampoo ground.
Navy v. St. Joseph's, Navy ground.
Ewo v. Chinese, Club ground.

Saturday, October 12

DIVISION I

South China v. R.A., Caroline Hill.
St. Joseph's v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's ground.
Recreo v. Navy, Recreo's ground.
Somersets v. K.O.S.B., Sookampoo ground.
Chinese v. Club, Stadium.

DIVISION II

Club v. Somersets, Club ground.
Ewo v. South China, Caroline Hill.
R.A. v. Navy, Sookampoo ground.
Recreo v. St. Joseph's, Recreo ground.
Chinese v. Eastern, Stadium.
University v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's ground.

The remaining fixtures will be completed and approved by a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

It was decided that no postponement of matches will be considered unless applications are in the Hon. Secretary's hands by noon on Thursdays.

Eastern v. 12th Heavy Battery
The following players have been chosen to represent the Eastern Football Club in a friendly football game against the 12th Heavy Battery R.A. to-day at 4.30 p.m. at Lyman barracks ground.

J. P. Silva; Kwan Wa-lam, R. Ayock; Ng Ying-kei, Cheung Yiu-nam, Leung Yung-hung; Lee Bing-tong; O. M.

ATHLETIC MEET

KEEN COMPETITION & GOOD TIMES REGISTERED

SUCCESSFUL OPENING

Keen competition, good times, and a fine sporting atmosphere were distinct features at the commencement of the Athletic Meeting held under the auspices of the Chinese Athletic Association yesterday. The venue of the gathering was North Point, where a huge stadium has been specially constructed for the contests.

Mr. Y. K. Mok (President of the Chinese Athletic Association) in addressing the gathering said that the C.A.A. was always keen in promoting sport among the younger generation of the Chinese race and that the Association was doing its best to bring about improvements in the near future. Mr. A. W. Eastman stressed the importance of physical development.

Other speakers included Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. Ho Yu, Mr. Chan Lim-pak and Mr. Yau Koo-cheung. All speeches were made before a microphone.

There was a parade of the officials of the C.A.A. and the various contenders before the commencement of the sports.

The Results

The full results of the various events were as follows:—

Flat Race, 100 Metres (first heat):—
1, Lam Yuk-ying; 2, Fung Kwok-wah; 3, Chen Kang-cha. Time: 12 secs.
100 Metres (second heat):—
1, Cheung Koon-sang; 2, Ng Choi-hing; 3, Mak Kwok-tung. Time: 11 1/5 secs.
Discus Throw: 1, Ng Tin-ling; 2, Kwok Ying-ming. Distance: 29.1 yards.

Flat Race, 200 Metres (first heat):—
1, Cheung Koon-sang; 2, Ng Choi-hing; 3, 25.1/5 secs.

200 Metres (second heat):—
1, Lam Yuk-ying; 2, Mak Kwok-tung; 3, Fung Kwok-wah. Time: 25.2/5 secs.

Flat Race, 1,500 Metres (final):—
1, Fung Kwok-wah; 2, Lau Yau-to; 3, Lam Yu. Time: 4 mins. 52.2/5 secs.
Long Jump: 1, Mok Hing-kong (5.9 metres); 2, Cheung Tak-wing (5.76 metres).

Both the team races of 1,500 metres and 800 metres were won by members of the C.A.A., while the contenders of the F.K.A. Athletic Association came second in the latter event.

The afternoon's events came to a conclusion with the play-off of the volleyball game in which the To Keung Athletic won by 2 to nil against the Tai Yue Association.

Aquatic Events

The swimming events held last night resulted as follows:—

50 Metres, Free Style. First heat:—
1, Wong Mow-yeung, Singapore (31 secs.); 2, Yeung Man-kin, C.A.A.; 3, Chan Wu-yin, C.A.A.

Second heat:—
1, Leung Siu-man, C.B.C. (29 secs.); 2, Li Chun-ye, Singapore; 3, Wong Lit-kwong, Fukien.

Third heat:—
1, Wong Wing-fong, C.A.A. (34.1/5 secs.); 2, Choi Chak-lan, C.A.A.; 3, Li Tai, Canton.

Fourth heat:—
1, Kwok Fung-sau, C.A.A. (33 secs.); 2, Tong Lu-fan, Canton; 3, Luk Man-san, Fukien.

200 Metres, Breast Stroke. First heat:—
1, Luk Wing-sik, Canton (3 mins. 25 secs.); 2, Cheung Siu-sang, Singapore.

Second heat:—
1, Lo Chi-hing, C.A.A. (3 mins. 28 secs.); 2, Chong Sau-kat, Singapore.

Third heat:—
Walk over, Chi Tak-wing, C.A.A.

Fourth heat:—
1, Leong Wing-hon, Canton; 2, Ching Hin-chi, C.A.A.

400 Metres, Free Style. First heat:—
Walk over, Cheung Fung-sui, Singapore.

Second heat:—
1, Luk Man-san, Fukien; 2, Leung Shiu-man, C.A.A.

Ladies' 100 Metres, Free Style. First heat:—
1, Chan Yuk-sai, C.A.A. (1 min. 52.2/5 secs.); 2, Wong Shuk-hing, C.A.A.

Second heat:—
1, Choy Po-chi, C.A.A. (1 min. 55.4/5 secs.); 2, Lo Kwai-chan, C.A.A.

100 Metres, Free Style (open to the Colony). Final:—
1, Ng Mong-gwan, Singapore (65.4/5 secs.); 2, W. Lawrence, V.R.C.; 3, Leung Shiu-man.

Omar, M. S. Salleh, Lai Ting-choy, M. Sabhan.

Reserves: Ho Hoi-ming, Li Yun-ying.

Council Meeting
A meeting of the Football Association Council will be held in the Association Offices, 4th floor French Bank Buildings at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

CRICKET CHANGES

ARMY XI TO COMPETE IN THE LEAGUE

REFERENCE TO SUBSCRIPTION

At the 23rd annual meeting of the Hong Kong Cricket League, held in the Sanitary Board room yesterday and attended by representatives from cricket clubs of the Colony, it was arranged that the two divisions will be constituted this year as follows:—

Division I.

Hong Kong C.C., University, Kowloon C.C., Indian Engineers & Royal Corps of Signals, Civil Service Club, Royal Navy, Chinese Recreation Club, Craigengower C.C., Civil Service C.C., the Army nine entries.

Division II.

Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI, Indian R.C. 2nd XI, Royal Engineers & Royal Corps of Signals, Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI, Royal Army Service Corps, Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI, Club de Recreo, University 2nd XI, Craigengower C.C. 2nd XI, Police Recreation Club, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Artillery—twelve entries.

The motion for two divisions was moved by the Chairman, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, who was re-elected President. The Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI, it was announced, wished to remain in Division II although champions last season in that division. The entry of an Army XI is a change, to make room for which the Gunners move down into Division II from Division I. Another change is that there will be no Royal Navy 2nd XI in the League this season. Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club are likely to be absent from Division II, owing to a ground difficulty.

Army's Difficulties

Lieut. Maxwell, speaking for the Army, pointed out that the Army, when camps, etc., prevail, will have difficulty in adhering to a 1st XI. Hence a larger number may be called upon at various stages, leaving few for the units competing in Division II. He asked that rules might be made to overcome this difficulty. After discussion, it was decided to leave selection to the discretion of the military representatives. Mr. Hancock said that the feeling of the meeting was known and advantage would not be taken of obstacles in the way of players in the Army.

When Mr. Hancock reviewed the report and accounts, he mentioned the credit balance of \$391. Lieut. Maxwell inquired if the balance was being conserved for any special purpose. On Mr. Hancock replying in the negative, Lieut. Maxwell asked if the subscription might be reduced. The Chairman expressed favourable opinion of the suggestion but ruled that it should be brought up later at the meeting. There was no further reference to the matter.

Mr. W. Brace (Kowloon C.C.) was elected Vice-President. Mr. W. C. Hung (Chinese R.C.) was elected Honorary Secretary.

Representative Fixtures

The following representative and semi-representative fixtures were approved for the season:—

Combined League v. Combined Schools, 11 a.m., Sunday, October 27, 1929, C.S.C.C. ground.

Combined League v. H.K. Volunteers, 11.15 a.m., Sunday, December 22, 1929, Recreo ground.

Combined League v. University East and Present, 2 p.m., January 12, 1930, Variety ground.

Combined League v. United Services, 11 a.m., Sunday, January 26, 1930, C.R.C. ground.

Combined League v. K.C.C., 11 a.m., Sunday, February 16, 1930, at K.C.C. Winners of League, Division I, v. the Rest, 2 p.m., April 5, 1930, winners' ground.

Winners of League Division II, v. the Rest, 2 p.m., April 5, 1930, winners' ground.

Interport XI v. The Rest.

Carr, who captained England in the Manchester Test Match, is well known as a batsman and fielder, but there is only one remembered case of his attempting to bowl. He tried an over against the Australians at Trent Bridge in 1921, with the result that Pellow hit him for a six, four fours and a two. Carr thought that was enough, and took himself off.

C.A.A. MEETING

DRAW FOR OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The following is the draw in the open tennis tournament, in connection with the athletic meeting to be played at the North Point Stadium from September 9 to 18:

Singles Championship
Lim Bong-so v. Lu Tak-cheuk.
E. C. Fincher v. G. Bodiker.
S. A. Rumjahn v. S. J. Remedios.
H. D. Rumjahn v. H. Lo.

The above play their matches on September 9.
John Lim v. H. Yosida.
T. Honda v. W. Hardy.
M. W. Lo v. W. Bray.
K. I. Ho v. S. E. Green.
The above play their matches on September 10.

Doubles Championship

S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn, bye.
W. Bray and Owen Hughes v. H. Lo and C. Choa.

M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo v. W. Hardy and Richardson.
Lu Tak-cheuk and Chin Tsun-chiu v. S. J. Remedios and A. V. Gosano.

Lim Bong-so and John Lim v. K. I. Ho and Yew Man-kit.
The above play their matches on September 12.

S. E. Green and Bodiker v. T. Honda and H. Yosida.
G. W. Sewell and C. E. Hosmes v. Ng Kam-ping and Choi Ping-fan.

The above play their matches on September 13.

E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher, bye.

Any player who is late by ten minutes will lose his match by default. No match can be postponed unless prevented by weather conditions. All matches must be played on courts of the Chinese Athletic Association North Point Stadium, and will be decided by the best of three sets except in the Semi-Final and Final, where the best of five sets will be necessary. For all matches, new Dunlop tennis balls will be provided.

Hong Doubles

Two matches were contested yesterday in the Hong Doubles tennis tournament at the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday when C. B. Brown and H. R. Forsyth (Linstead and Davis) defeated J. H. Armstrong and J. M. Norrie (Chartered Bank) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

So evenly contested was the second game that it had to be abandoned when the score stood at a set each and five games all. This match was between L. C. F. Bellamy and V. R. Gordon (Tramway Co.) and H. J. Armstrong and O. E. C. Marton (Deacons).



Sammy Mandell, lightweight champion.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

LOU CHANEY IN "LAUGH, CLOWN, LAUGH"

Lou Chaney's pictures never fail to draw good houses, and yesterday crowds thronged to the Majestic Theatre to see the star's latest very enjoyable and entertaining film "Laugh, Clown, Laugh" (directed by Herbert Brenon) in which he plays with Loretta Young (the 16 years old girl star) and Nils Asther.

INDIA'S WISH

A PARTNERSHIP IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE

NOT A PARTY ISSUE

"The question of India had never been and never would be a party issue in this country," said the Marquis of Reading, proposing the toast of the guests at the lunch given at the Hotel Victoria by the Royal Empire Society to the members of the Central Committee of the Indian Legislature, who are co-operating with the Simon Commission. Sir John Sandeman-Allen presided.

He was sure, continued Lord Reading, that whatever his committee advised, it would be what they believed to be in the best interests of their country. No committee, commission, or Government could please everybody.

Sir Sankaran Nair, chairman of the Committee, replying, declared that, whether they succeeded or failed in their object, all the members of the Committee had at heart the good of India and the British Empire. The two were inseparable. He, for one, was content to remain in the firm of the Empire in hopes of one day being admitted to a partnership.

Dr. Drummond Shiels, Under-Secretary of State for India, proposing the toast of the society, said that to-day the idea of Empire no longer stood for domination, but for the existence of a British Commonwealth of Nations, including Britain, some with complete self-government and others moving towards it, but all with a common bond. The more he considered the rules for the government and constitution of our Empire the more he realised that less depended upon machinery than upon good will.

The chairman, responding, said that the society's membership showed an increase of nearly 3,000 during the last year—from 14,000 to 17,000.

BLACK CAT

MORE ABOUT THE LITTLE BRASS SHRINE

Weston-super-Mare, July 20. The little brass shrine was bought in Mandalay, the town in Burma which Kipling has written of, by Mr. Charles Phipps, a hair-dresser, of Palmer-street, Weston.

While he had it in his shop his takings went down, but recovered their buoyancy as soon as the shrine was removed.

Mr. Phipps gave the shrine to an ex-Servicemen's club, but the membership became lower than it had ever been, so the shrine was again passed on to a new owner, who the very next day fell off a ladder and nearly broke his neck!

Since these details were published in "The People" Mr. Phipps has welcomed many callers.

An archaeologist expressed little surprise at the train of misfortune that reached the owners of the shrine, and instance the cases of Lord Carnarvon and others, who had touched or moved Eastern objects and met with misfortune.

He left a good deal of literature for Mr. Phipps to study.

A Marine, too, was an early caller, and told numerous stories of accidents after the handling and perhaps wanton disparagement of Eastern shrines.

But the funniest incident is this: When Mr. Phipps got up one morning he found a small packet waiting for him. It had come from a lady at Skipton, who, after writing a long missive dealing with her profound belief in "luck," enclosed—

A small cardboard black cat. A piece of coal (very small). Two black bone buttons (each with four holes).

A piece of silver paper. She told Mr. Phipps to do his best to send the shrine back to Mandalay, as she believed everyone who touched it would suffer misfortune.

She gave all sorts of advice about horse-shoes and other "lucky" articles, and said she would be glad to hear from him if he cared to write to her.

The shrine at the moment is believed to be at Bridgwater.

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BONZO

By George Studdy

World News In Pictures

Female Air Derby



The ladies are going to have a chance to show what they can do on the flying line when the first national women's air derby starts from Santa Monica for Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Gladys O'Donnell, above, of Long Beach, Cal., is entered.

Hair-Raising



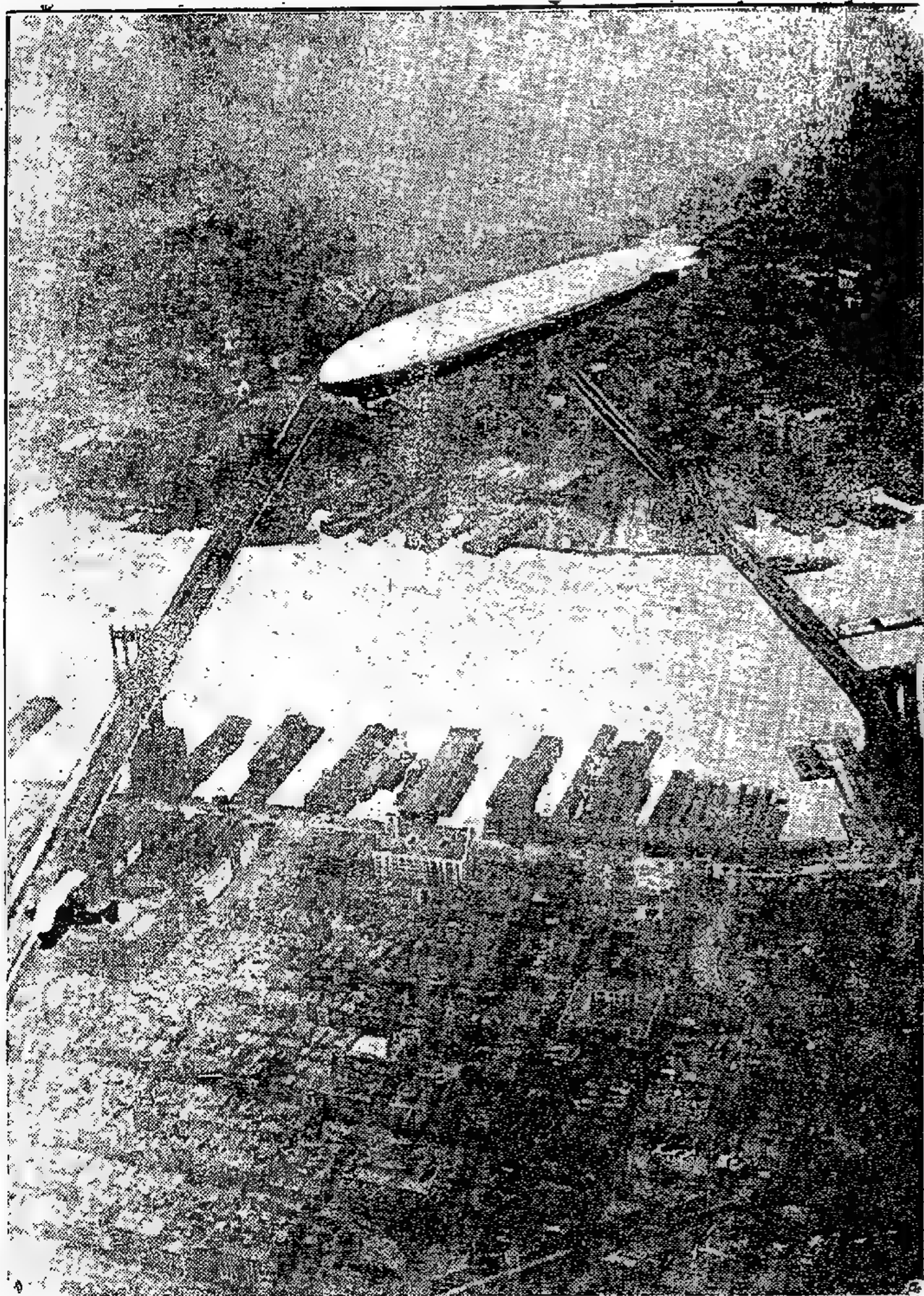
Bonda Strolarska, daredevil girl with an utter disregard for life and limb, who is shown rehearsing a couple of her stunts for the aerial circus at Roosevelt Field, L.I. As she's seen hanging by one foot from a strut of her plane, Bonda's thousands of feet above terra firma over the Long Island airport.

Repentant



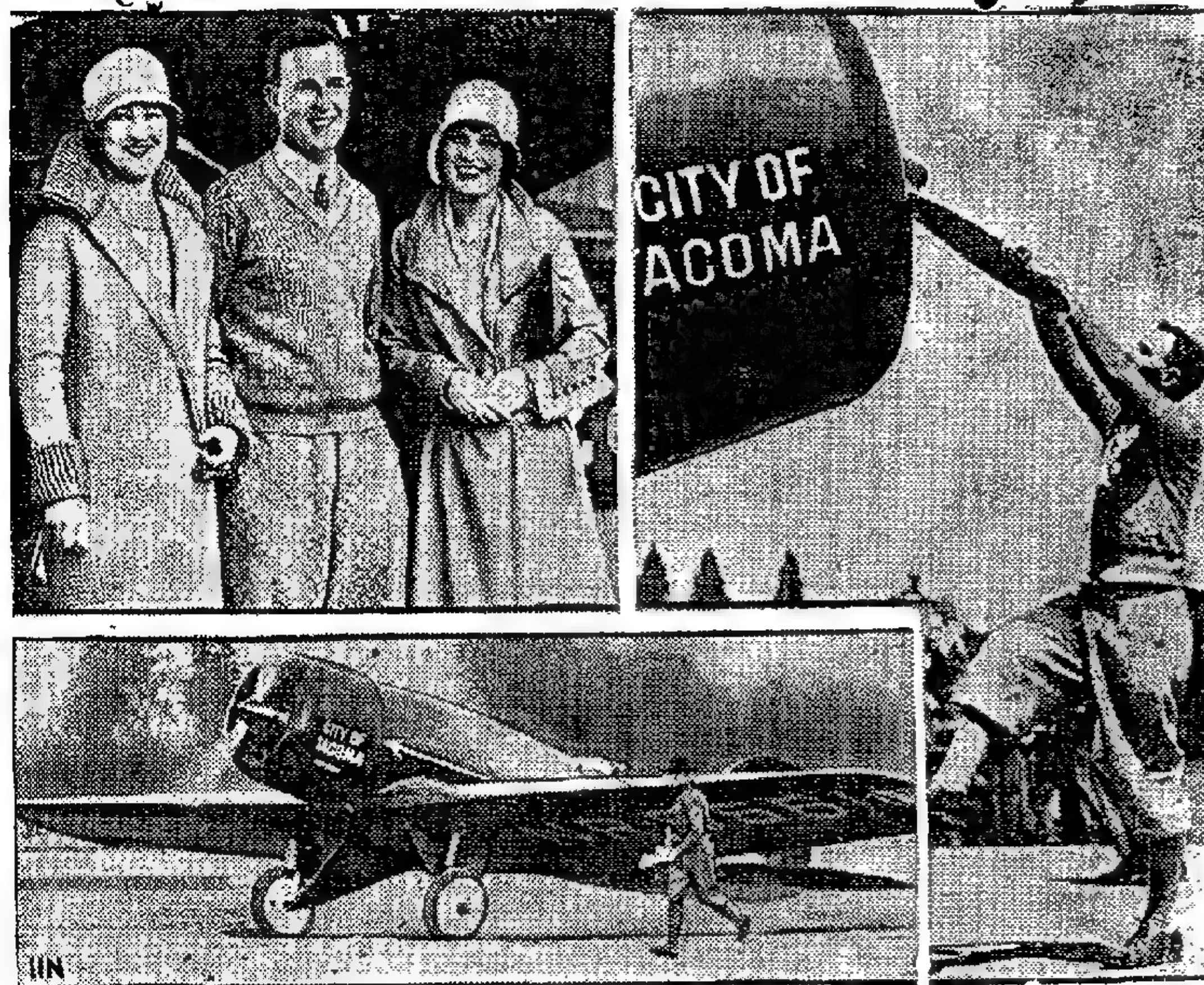
Lawrence Sorenson, of New York, Columbia University graduate and athlete, accused of grand larceny, is said to have confessed he took \$173,000 in securities from the Equitable Trust Co. of New York where he was employed, to play the stock market. He returned all but \$7,000.

Zeppelin Over New York



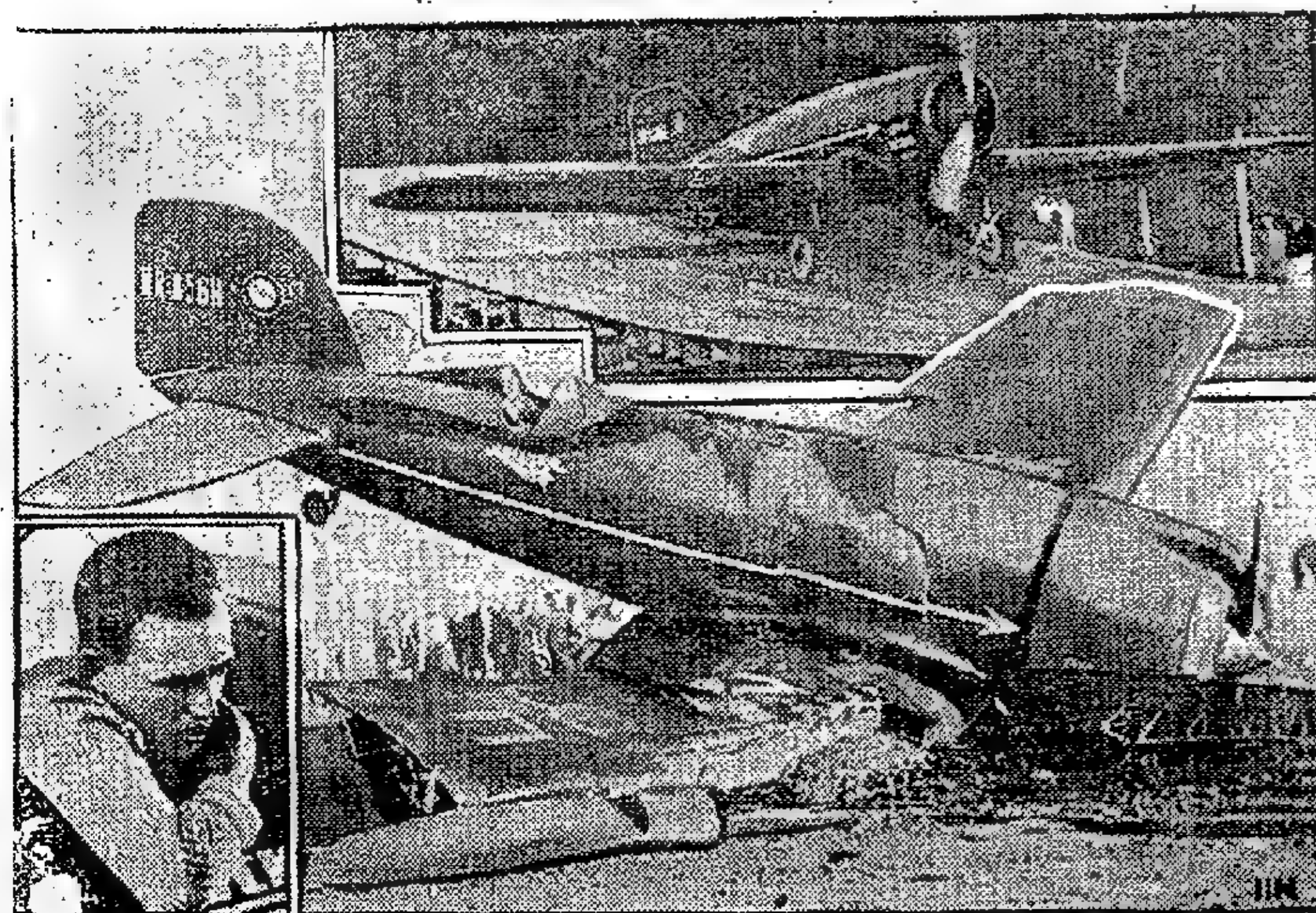
As seen from an airplane above the Graf Zeppelin presents a glorious sight passing over lower East Side, New York, with two of the great bridges in the background.

Attempts Longest Non-Stop Sea Hop



Lieut. Harold Bromley tuning up his single motored Lockheed Vega plane in anticipation of his proposed flight from Tacoma, Washington, to Tokyo, Japan, a distance of 4,700 miles. He is shown above spinning the propeller of the "City of Tacoma," which will carry 900 gallons of gas on the trip. Above, left to right, Mrs. J. A. McKinnon and Violet Bromley, sisters of Bromley, wish him best of luck on his venture.

Tokyo Flight Crashes



The top view shows the runway at Tacoma, Wash., down which Lt. Bromley, inset, of Vancouver, attempted to hop off for non-stop flight to Tokyo. Spray from leaking gasoline tank temporarily blinded him with the result that the plane went into a ground loop and crashed. Bromley, who was uninjured, announced he will be ready to start again as soon as repairs have been made to the plane.

Enters Non-Stop Race



Henry J. Brown, of the United States Air Mail Service, will pilot a plane in the non-stop air race from the Pacific Coast to Cleveland, Ohio, which will be a feature of the National Air Races of 1929 and the Aeronautical Exposition to be held at Cleveland.

Quits Trotsky's Banner



Karl Radek, leader of the minority is reported to have broken definitely with the exiled former War Commissar, Leon Trotsky, to follow the principles of the ruling Russian group. Radek is seeking readmission into the Communist Party and his desertion of the Trotsky party is said to be a severe blow.

Interlude Bridged



No surprise was the announcement of the Paris wedding of Eugene O'Neill, noted American playwright, freed by divorce a few weeks ago, to Carlotta Monterey, American actress. This is the third marriage of the author of "Strange Interlude" and "All God's Chillun Got Wings." The actress was formerly the third wife of Ralph Barton, famous illustrator, whom she divorced in 1926.

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My dear Nephews and Nieces,
You and I will not deny that the great Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements, which have grown so rapidly that they now encircle the globe, were first inaugurated by Earl Robert Baden-Powell, and it will therefore be most surprising to you to know that a Frenchman claims that it was the French who first started the movements.

I remember attending a lecture some sixteen years ago when I was only a second class scout, and what was said then is still fresh in my memory. The lecture, by the way, was given by a French gentleman who was interested in our movements. He said that the Boy Scouts were a product of the French revolution. That, of course, was long before our Chief Scout had started the movement. He said that the great French song writer, Beranger, was a Scout. He had recorded the origin not only of Boy Scouts, but also of Girl Guides.

I have since then looked up his autobiography, and found that this was true to some extent.

Beranger was born in 1780, and when he was 13 or 14 years of age, the Revolution was at its worst. His parents did not want to be

bothered with him and therefore gave him to an aunt. He was a regular truant and detested his school. He eventually became an errand boy to a magistrate, who was an educational reformer.

The magistrate was Ballue de Bellengise, and in order to attain his aims, he founded several gratuitous elementary schools. His aim was to charge the lads with the task of keeping themselves and each other in order, to elect their own judges, to settle their disputes, and appoint their own police to enforce the judicial decisions.

This system was later extended to girls, and Beranger claimed that M. Ballue de Bellengise was surely the first Scoutmaster.

Further on in the autobiography I read that the system was, however, doomed to failure. There was a militarism about it. The lads got out of hand. They neglected their lessons (and it must be remembered that Beranger himself was a regular truant) in order to play at being grown up. They meddled with high politics, and their blood bubbled with the effervescence of a revolutionary epoch.

In contrast to this system, our Chief Scout has said that the aim of

the Boy Scout movement is to make good citizens, and for this reason it has been adjudged unnecessary to introduce military drill.

"Scoutcraft is a means through which the veriest hooligan can be brought to higher thought and to the elements of faith in God; and coupled with the Scout's obligation to do a good turn every day, it gives the base on duty to God and to neighbour on which the parent or pastor can build with greater ease the form of belief that is desired."

Now that you have the two aims of two reformers—one turned out to be a failure and the other a world-wide success—you cannot do otherwise than to follow the successful system.

In this connection I wish to sound a note of warning to our Chinese brother Scouts in the Colony. They must not fall into the pit that the Chinese Scouts in other parts of China, particularly in Shanghai, have fallen, and that is to meddle with politics which they know nothing about.

Next week I will tell you more of what our Chief has said about our movement not being a military one.

"UNCLE CHARLES."

FROM THE CHIEF TO YOU

What It Means To Be Tidy And Clean

A GREAT SERVICE

[By Earl Robt. Baden-Powell]

A number of people have been writing to the papers complaining that wherever you go in England to see a beautiful view or a pretty spot, you find the place spoilt by a lot of refuse, scraps of paper, bits of food, broken bottles, empty tins, and so on, left behind by other visitors.

One correspondent wrote to suggest that the Scouts might do a great service if they made it part of their duty to the public to clear up such places; so I wrote, privately to the man who suggested it and told him that that is what Scouts are doing, and in many of the parks and other places where people have left paper, etc., lying about, Scouts have come forward to tidy up the ground.

To Cure a Bad Thing

But, I said, they are also doing a more valuable work. This tidying up is merely doing something to cure a bad thing done by thoughtless people, but the Scouts and Guides, when they grow up to be the people who go sight-seeing, will be different from those of to-day. They will think of other people and

After having done that they sat down with clear conscience and good appetites to unpack their sandwiches and enjoy their lunch. And when they had filled themselves full of good things, they got up and went away—leaving the place worse than it was before for torn paper bags, bits of bread, broken ginger beer bottles, etc., etc.

They had let their good idea slip out of their minds and had forgotten to carry it out.

Clean Homes Mean Happy People

But it is not only out in the country where people are untidy and dirty, but also about their own homes and towns and villages. I know many villages that are delightful, cheerful-looking places with cheerful-looking inhabitants, simply because they are clean, while other villages, where the people are not worse off as regards money, are squalid and dirty, with old tins and refuse chucked out all anywhere. The children who play among the refuse heaps become dirty, too, and unhealthy, and their parents, unkempt and shabby, are not cheery and happy as they might be.

Strangers visiting a place can judge it very much by its appearance. I remember, for instance, how much I liked Calgary, in Western Canada, because as we came to its outskirts in the train they were so clean and tidy instead of being, as was the case in many other towns, disfigured by heaps of old rusty tins, scrap iron, bones, broken crockery, cinders, and the like.

Proper Camping

A town or village or farm or house that respects itself keeps itself clean and neat just as a Patrol which is smart and efficient is certain to have its tent and camping-ground round it always free of rubbish.

I have had hundreds of people camping this year on my garden—and out of all these there was only one party who left any sign of their having been there.

This party had thrown away into some long grass two or three empty meat tins, thinking that "out of sight" was good enough, and forgetting that when the grass was cut or died down, as has since happened, the tins would show up in all their glory.

No, it is the pride of all good campers not only to have their camping ground clean and tidy at all times, but to leave the ground so neat when they break camp that you would never know they had been there.

September is a month in which I don't mind being away from home, because it is the hop-picking month, and there are a lot of hop fields in my neighbourhood. It isn't that I mind the hops—I like them—nor should I mind the people who come in their hundreds to pick the hops if it were not for the filth and rubbish they leave behind them. It is perfectly disgusting.

In the same way the Scouts are judged, and are liked or disliked according to the way their camping has been done—cleanly or dirtily.

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CONTORTION COMPETITION

Charles Craschem caught Clarence Colefytli courting Constance Cuddley. Charles coughed clamorously, causing chaotic confusion. Constance's cheeks chalked. Clarence cursed crossly. Charles curtly called conflict. Clarence cheerlessly consented. Combatants circled cautiously. Charles caught Clarence couple crushing cuffs. Clarence, colliding chair, collapsed convulsively, causing cupboard crash. Cool, collected Charles cast cowardly, cringing Clarence convenient closed chamber. Charles' countenance conveying

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

Have you a chum in another country? How would you like to correspond with a Brother Scout or a Sister Guide abroad?

I want to help you to know friends who are thousands of miles away or may be within a stone's throw of your own town.

If any Scouts or Guides would like to have a pen friend, please communicate with me—Uncle Charles, c/o "The China Mail"—and I shall be glad to help you.

official report of the gathering, "really gives the keynote to almost the entire conference, and was apparently thoroughly agreed to by all present."

"The Sign of the Family" A suggestion was advanced by the Chief Guide (Lady Baden-Powell) that the scout and guide salute should be known as "The Sign of the Family." There was a lively discussion on this point, and finally it was left to the general committee of both movements to thrash out. The value of co-operation in special departments of the game was attested by many

Girl Guides' Grotto

So much has been talked and written recently about co-operation between the brother and sister movements of scouting and guiding that many are wondering how far this should be carried. Imperial headquarters has appealed to all scouters to make 1929 a special "co-op" year, and at a combined conference of the leaders of scouting and guiding held at the end of last year, definite suggestions as to how this was to be accomplished were put forward.

The camp hospital at the world scout jamboree this year was staffed entirely by girl guides. In addition, six girl guides have been invited as the guests of the jamboree, and representatives of the newly-formed Guide International Bureau (the outcome of a conference held in Hungary last year) will attend the scout international conference. With regard to wolf cub and brownie packs, it was considered that the co-operation desired was that between scouters and guides, and not in combined parades. "This remark," states the

The Cubs' Corner

The following essay on the banana, alleged to have been composed by a Japanese youth, appeared in the "London Morning Post", and as it may be new to some of your Cubs, I reproduce it as the week's outside story:

"The banana are great remarkable fruit. He are constructed in the same architectural style as the honourable sausage. Difference being, skin of sausage are habitually consumed, while it are not advisable to eat rapping of banana. Perhaps are also intrisisting the following differences between the two objects: Banana are held aloft while consuming; sausage usually left in reclining position. Banana are first green in color, then gradual turn yellowish. Sausage start out with indefinite color (resemble terrier cotta) and retain same hue indefinitely.

Sausage depend for creation upon human being or stuffing machine, while banana are pristine product of honourable mother nature. Both article resemble the other in that neither have pit or colonel of any kind. In case of sausage both conclusions are attached to other sausages; honourable banana on opposite hand are joined on one end to stem; other termination are intirely loose; And finally banana are strictly member of vagitable Kingdom, while affilation of sausage is often undecided.

At Sai Wan Bay

CATHOLIC SCOUTS UNDER CANVAS

(Continued from last week)

Taking Precautions

Every one then changed into dry clothes. Hot drink was given to the boys, embrocation rubbed to prevent catching a cold. We lighted a fire in the bungalow to warm up, and all of a sudden the door of the Bungalow was blown off and the wind scattered the fire all round. One Scout had the presence of mind to carry water to extinguish it. This Scout had undergone instruction in the Fireman's Badge under Captain Buckridge of the Central Fire Brigade.

Our Troop Leader fainted and had to be treated by the Ambulance Scouts.

A Council of War

A conference was held immediately to decide whether we should remain at the Bungalow for the night or brave the wind and return home. Some proposed to remain, others wished to carry on. As this was not much good the Scoutmaster took the situation in hand and gave orders that we should wait till the wind abated and leave all the gear behind so as to be able to fight our way back as probably many, if not all of the boys' parents would be worrying. At 3.30 p.m. the wind was not so strong and we decided to leave for home.

After encountering great difficulties we arrived at Shauiwan and reported at the Shauiwan Police Station of an accident to a workman.

Mr. Vanhill's lorry was broken down and it was not repaired until 1.30 p.m. and while we were marching home we saw a lorry coming out with Fr. Teruzzi, our Captain. The boys were very happy otherwise they had to walk home as there was no tram service. Three cheers were accordingly given and everyone scrambled on board.

Home Sweet Home

We sang all the way and "Show Me The Way to go Home" was the very favourite song. We arrived home safe and sound and more than one parent urged their sons on seeing them coming home without any part of their body missing.

The conduct and the way in which the Scouts carried out their duty during the typhoon was splendid and nothing could have done better than what they did, especially the alert and cheerful way they carried the gear up to the bungalow through the perilous path; the bigger boys sang in order to cheer their younger brothers up.

On the whole this camp was very successful and many of the boys wished it was longer than five days.

The Scoutmaster had a very good opportunity of understanding each Scout's character.

Always Smiling!

Fr. Teruzzi came out and visited us on the 3rd day and brought along with him about 100 cakes. Mr. Fujiyama, the well-known local photographer, came and took some photos of the camp just the day before the typhoon.

Mr. C. Sayer and Mr. Philip also came and visited the Group. On our return to Headquarters we were astonished to see the damage done by the typhoon. The walls and doors

Charles clearly confused—Coloured Cousin.
[Have a shot at it and let Uncle have your efforts. Any letter in the alphabet allowed.]



Young Earl Haig Becomes A Wolf Cub in His Father's Famous Troop of Scouts. In the very room in which the late Field Marshal Earl Haig performed his last public duty, his ten-year-old son, the young Earl Haig, with Master Peter Howson (son of Major Howson) were at the British Legion Headquarters at Richmond, Surrey, enrolled as members of the late Earl Haig's own troop of Boy Scouts. Lady Irene Haig, sister of the young Earl, was also initiated as a Brownie in Lady Haig's troop of Girl Guides.

of the specialist leaders, including Sir Montague Burrows, Commissioner for Special Tests, who paid tribute to the help guides had rendered with his department. General Godfrey-Faussett instanced folk dancing, Mr. Munro dramatics, and Sir Walford Davies, the Master of Music, said that, as far as rangers and rovers were concerned, co-operation was essential for balance in music, though combination between scouts and guides alone was not very much good. The heads of the scout and guide shops; publicity and publications departments, also testified to the value of co-operation, and it was suggested that both scouters and guides should render both "The Scout" and "The Guide". This seems a very practical scheme.

Conclusion: Chimes, choir, crowded Church; Charles-Constance centre congregation's curiosity. Chaplain Claude Couplem (Charles' College chum) conducts ceremony. Ceremony concluded, crowd congratulate couple. Confetti cloud Church. Cameras click. Couple climb car. Constable Collare clear crowd. Car career countryward. Crowd cheer. Country cottage containing cuddling couple—(Charles-Constance). Constance: cooling contentedly.

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This week has witnessed the departure of two popular officers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers in the persons of Captain A. G. Dobbie and the Master of Napier.

In criminal annals a dastardly affair is reported from a village near Fanling, a full story concerning which appears in the "Overland China Mail."

In addition to a full supply of local news, sportsmen come in for a great deal of attention tennis, baseball, and lawn bowls all being reported fully and accurately by experts at the respective games.

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Our Chief

HIS SCHOOL-DAYS AT CHARTERHOUSE

A BORN LEADER

The school days of our Chief, now Earl Baden-Powell, are interestingly recalled by Mr. E. K. Wade in the following article:

Charterhouse school, as Peter Baden-Powell and many another Boy Scout knows it to-day, is a fine, modern building situated in a lovely part of Surrey.

In the days when the Chief Scout joined the school, however, it was in the City of London where it had been built as Carthusian Monasteries were suppressed by King Henry VIII. The Charterhouse fell into disuse for some time and was eventually re-opened as a school in 1671.

But as time went on the City grew up round the school, closing it in to such an extent that it was found necessary, for the sake of the increasing number of boys and their health and well-being, for the school to make a move to some less crowded quarter.

A Scout is Loyal

Our Chief Scout was one of the boys who made the move from the Old Charterhouse to the new.

The Scout Law tells us that a Scout is loyal. When you join a new Troop of Scouts you are sometimes confused in your mind between two loyalties. There are the traditions of your old Troop to uphold, and you find sometimes that in the new Troop things are done a bit differently. You want to stick up for your Scoutmaster and yet you can't forget your first days of Scouting and you feel inclined to grouse and say that things can never be the same.

He Was Most Useful

We all know that sort of feeling; and it was just the kind of thing

were all broken down and all our books were spoilt and together with the camp trouble, we have suffered terribly financially, but nevertheless we upheld the 8th Scout Law (A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties), and all of us gave a good exhibition of laughing and sang some hearty songs and saluted the photo of Earl Robert Baden-Powell which still hangs on the wall safe and sound. The Scoutmaster then dismissed the Group from parade.

that was happening at Charterhouse when our Chief Scout went there. The following words of Dr. Haig Brown, the Headmaster, will show you how even quite a young boy can help in a difficult situation of this kind.

Speaking of Baden-Powell, he said:

"In the somewhat trying circumstances of the removal he proved most useful. He showed remarkable intelligence and liberality of feeling—most boys are so conservative by nature—helping to smooth over the difficulties involved in the change to a new place and taking up every school institution which was new. He was by nature a born leader of boys."

His Nickname

At the new Charterhouse "Bathing Towel"—the nickname which he earned at school—was able to carry out a good deal of scouting and pioneering in the big wooded copse at the back of the school. Although he played games and won his way into the school eleven at football he never really cared about games in the same way that he liked actual scouting and backwoodsman-ship.

His great idea was to learn how to do things, and especially things which would be of some use in after-life.

Beat W. Churchill at Bricklaying

Amongst other things he learned at Charterhouse a good deal about bricklaying, so that he could probably beat Mr. Winston Churchill at his own game to-day. Bricklaying was not a school "subject," but in his spare time B-P. used to watch the workmen who were building the school chapel and talk to them and learn how the work should be done.

Acting was another occupation of which he was specially fond, and one at which he was pretty good.

The Headmaster used to recall how on one occasion at a school concert a promised performer failed to put in an appearance. In the awkward pause which ensued the Doctor turned to B-P. and asked half-jokingly whether he could not do something to fill up the gap.

B-P. at once got on the platform and began to give an impromptu sketch of the Frenchmaster giving a lesson which sent the school into roars of laughter and kept things going until the real performer turned up.

(There will be another fine instalment of the Life Story of the Chief next week.)



Earl Robt. Baden-Powell

will not leave the ground all dirty and littered to disgust those who come there after them. They will leave it as clean or cleaner than they found it. They will do this for two reasons:

Firstly, because their business is to be clean in themselves and their surroundings.

Secondly, because they think of others and clean up as their Good Turn.

The Right Idea

I think every one of you Scouts will agree that this is our idea in Scouting; but I must just give you this hint, that when we have a right idea we must not merely think it but must carry it out in practice.

I say this because the other day, a Pack of Wolf Cubs came upon a jolly place for a picnic, which they found all littered with old paper and refuse, so their first act was to set to work and clean it all up.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong,
September 6th, 1929.

Stock	Closing Quotations 4 p.m. Friday, 6th.	Rise or Fall over Week	Approximate yield per cent. on present quotations based on last year's dividend	Capital	Number of Shares	Value	Paid up	Reserve	Carried Forward	Date	Last Dividend	When Paid
Banks												
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. (London)	\$1,230 nominal \$126 1/2 nominal	+ \$5.00	6 1/2 %	\$20,000,000	100,000	\$125	\$125	\$8,000,000 \$14,000,000	\$3,397,812	31.12.28	Int. div. of \$3 at 17 1/11% = \$31.13 per share for 1929	Aug. 6, 1929.
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	\$20 buyers			\$3,000,000	600,000	\$5	\$5	\$4,000,000	\$186,656	31.12.28	Interim div. of 14% p.a.	Pending
Mercantile Bank of I. A. & B. Co.	\$22 1/2 nominal \$15 1/4 nominal			\$1,800,000	60,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,450,000	\$162,046	31.12.28	Final 8% Less Income Tax making 16% for 1928	April 1929
Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	\$90 1/4 nominal		8 1/2 %	\$10,000,000	120,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,500,000 \$310,000 \$1,041,235	\$401,749	31.12.28	Dividend of \$6 for 1928 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1928	Feb. 18, 1929
Marine Insurance Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$630 nominal		6 1/2 %	\$2,500,000	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$1,621,770 \$2,381,661	\$1,657,848	31.12.28	Final of \$22 making \$40 for 1927. Int. of \$18 for 1928	May 23, 1929
Union Ins. S'ty of C'lon, Ltd.	\$380 nominal		6 %	\$2,000,000	210,000	\$10	\$24	\$69,500 \$203,125 \$2,314,291 \$612,819 \$200,000 \$447,850 \$150,000	\$254,179	31.12.28	Final of 16% for 1927. Interim of 24% a/c 1928	May 24, 1929
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	M. \$50 nominal		6 %	\$2,500,000	250,000	\$10	\$10				Dividend \$8 1/2 for 1928	June 28, 1929
China Underwriters, Ltd.	\$2.00 nominal	-\$0.10		\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$3	\$152,532 \$4,224	Dr. \$37,463	31.12.28	none	
Fire Insurance												
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$310 buyers	+ \$5.00	6 %	\$2,000,000	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$759,762 \$1,000,000 \$759,876 \$1,089,590 \$2,452,412 \$1,092,152 \$200,000	\$907,311	31.12.28	\$9 and bonus \$6 for 1927 and Interim \$3 for 1928	May 24, 1929
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$740 b. \$760 a.		5 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$2,300,000 \$1,799,836 \$512,071 \$100,000	\$876,329	31.12.28	\$48 for 1927	Mar. 26, 1929
Shipping												
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$27 1/2 nominal			\$1,000,000	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$136,436 \$190,074	Nil	31.12.28	Div. of \$4 for 1924	Mar. 28, 1928
H'kong, C. & M. S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$25 nominal		4 %	\$1,200,000	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$50,000 \$1,542 \$353,321 \$438,581	\$35,500	31.12.28	Dividend of 1/2 for 1928	Feb. 19, 1929
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$44 sellers \$85 b. \$70 a.	+ \$0.50		\$1,200,000	120,000 120,000	\$5 \$5	\$5 \$5	\$135,000 \$203,215 \$50,698 \$364,677 \$260,178 \$127,917	\$15,113	31.12.28	Div. of 12/- at ex. 2/0 1/4 = \$5.94 a/c. 1924 and 1925 on preferred shares. Div. of 30/- at ex. 2/6 1/4 = \$11.90 on deferred shares a/c. 1921	June 19, 1929 May 24, 1922
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$66 buyers		5 1/2 %	\$800,000	80,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$160,000 \$98,712	\$40,638	31.12.28	Div. \$2 and bonus \$1 1/2 making \$3 1/2 for 1928	Feb. 15, 1929
Refineries												
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$0.95 sellers			\$2,000,000	80,000	\$25	\$25				(In Liquidation)	
Malayan Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$27 nominal			\$2,000,000	14,000	\$140	\$30	P. 244,000	nil	31.12.28	P. 3 a/c. 1928	April 11, 1929
Oil and Mining												
Kallian Mining Administration	62/6 nominal	- 2/6	7 %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10				Int. of 2/- Free Income Tax for year ending 30-6-29 (Coupon No. 34)	May 16, 1929
Matschappij tot, &c., Combined	Tls. 14 nominal Tls. 9 1/4 nominal			Tls. 1,825,000 Tls. 3,000,000	250,000 600,000	Glds. 10 Tls. 5	all	Tls. 158,166 Nil	Cr. Tls. 45,998 Dr. Tls. 456,213	31.10.28 31.12.28	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-27	April 5, 1928
Do. Langkat-Singapore	Tls. 1.40 nominal			Tls. 1,250,000	250,000	Tls. 5		Tls. 550,000	Cr. Tls. 16,091	31.12.28	T-75 cts. for 1926	Feb. 15, 1927
Do. Loan and Investment	Tls. 4 1/4 nominal										Final Div. of 1/6 per share making 2/6 for year	Aug. 10, 1929
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$9 1/2 buyers	+ \$1.50	15 1/2 %	\$200,000	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000	\$7,321	31.3.29		
Shell T'port & T.ding Co., Ltd.	100/- nominal		5 %	\$43,000,000	17,000,000 (5% pref.) 11) 10,000,000 (7% pref.) 9) 80,000,000	\$10 \$1 \$1	\$10 \$1 \$1	\$8,354,165	\$237,604	31.12.28	Final Div. of 3/- Free Income Tax making 5/- for 1928 (Coupon No. 54)	July 5, 1929
Docks, Wharves & Godowns												
H'kong & K. W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$129 b. \$130 s.	+ \$1.00	6 1/2 %	\$4,000,000	80,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000 \$400,000	\$360,063	31.12.28	Div. \$6 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1928	Mar. 7, 1929
H.K. & W. Dock Co., Ltd.	\$32 1/2 buyers			\$10,000,000	200,000	\$50	\$75	\$3,000,000	\$121,581	31.12.28	Final div. of \$2 making \$4 for 1924	Mar. 31, 1925
S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 143 buyers	- T. 1.50	6 1/2 %	Tls. 4,177,500	55,700	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 1,250,000 Tls. 750,000	Tls. 90,219	30.4.28	Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for the year ending 30.4.29 and return of Tls. 25 per share	Aug. 16, 1929
New Engineering & Shipb'ldg Wks. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 7.30 buyers Tls. 4.75 buyers	+ T. 0.50	5 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000	500,000 500,000	Tls. 5 Tls. 5	Tls. 5 Tls. 5	Tls. 600,000 Tls. 745,012 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 54,379	31.12.28	Tl. 0.40 for 1928 Div. 8% on Preference shares	Mar. 15, 1929
S'hai & H'kew Wharf Co., Ltd.	Tls. 184 nominal		6 1/2 %	Tls. 4,000,000	40,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 688,983 Tls. 120,416 Tls. 450,000 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 675,000	Tls. 17,826	31.12.28	Interim of Tls. 3 a/c. 1929	Pending
Lands, Hotels & Buildings												
H'kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.	\$8.75 buyers			\$10,000,000	1,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$6,518,349	\$175,510	31.12.28	Final div. of \$0.60 on Old and New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 8, 1925
H'kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	\$60 b. \$59 1/4 s. \$60/60.10 sales		6 1/2 %	\$5,000,000	240,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,000,000 \$350,000 \$50,000	\$985,978	31.12.28	Int. div. of \$2 for 1929	Aug. 2, 1929
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$14.10 buyers	+ \$0.30	7 1/2 %	\$1,500,000	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$50,000 \$450,000 \$60,000 \$22,833	\$68,728	31.12.28	Div. 80 cents and bonus 20 cents making \$1 for 1928	Feb. 8, 1929
S'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 155 buyers		6 %	Tls. 5,850,000	117,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 2,034,010 Tls. 500,000	Tls. 602,303.17	31.12.28	Final div. of T. 6 making T. 9 for 1928	Mar. 28, 1929
H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.	\$8 b. \$8.10 ss.	+ \$0.10	7 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$200,000	\$11,057	31.12.28	Interim of 30 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 12, 1929
Cotton Mills												
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 18 1/4 buyers Tls. 106 nominal	+ T. 0.25	4 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000	1,000,000 10,000	Tls. 5 Tls. 10	Tls. 5 Tls. 10	Tls. 2,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 500,000 Tls. 204,760 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 390,000 Tls. 450,000 Tls. 180,000	Tls. 4,950	31.12.28	Interim div. of T. 0.40 a/c. 1929	Aug. 23, 1929
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	(Old) Tls. 91 b. (New) T. 59 b.		5 1/2 % 4 1/2 %	Tls. 4,000,000 Tls. 2,000,000	80,000 40,000	Tls. 50 Tls. 50	Tls. 50 Tls. 25	Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 390,000 Tls. 450,000 Tls. 180,000	Tls. 152,900	30.4.29	Div. of Tls. 2 for Old. Tl. 1 for New for half year ending 30.4.29	May 30, 1929
Miscellaneous												
China Light & Power Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$13b. \$13/13.10sa.		4 %	\$3,600,000 \$400,000	720,000 80,000	\$5 \$5	all	\$119,418	\$54,262	31.12.28	Int. dividend 25 cents. account 192	May 6, 1929
Do. (New)	\$12 1/2 buyers			\$3,000,000	600,000	\$5	all	\$685,603	\$63,040	31.12.28	Fin. div. of 80 cts. on Old. 77 cts. on Bonus and 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 27, 1925
China Prov't L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$4.30 buyers							\$350,000 \$200,000 \$110,000	\$25,285	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 for 1928	Mar. 4, 1929
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.	\$19.30 buyers (Comb.) \$9 n.	+ \$0.50	6 1/2 %	\$1,500,000	200,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000 \$400,000 \$500,000	\$9,902	31.12.28	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.55 cts. on New shares for 1925	Mar. 17, 1926
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$7.70 buyers	+ \$0.20		\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000		31.12.28	Div. of \$2.50 on Old and \$1.25 New shares for year ended 31.12.28	Mar. 22, 1929
Do. (New)	\$1.20 nominal			\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$1	\$500,000		31.12.28	Fin. div. of 85 cts. on Old 35 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Feb. 26, 1925
Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$59 1/2 b. \$60 s.	-\$0.25	4 1/2 %	\$4,500,000	450,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,800,000	\$97,131	31.12.28	Interim of 50 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 27, 1929
Hong Kong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$6.55 buyers			\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	\$101,725	31.12.28	10% for year ended 30.4.29	June 7, 1929
Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.	\$18.40 buyers		7 1/2 %	\$3,250,000	650,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000	\$245,789	31.12.28		
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$11.20 sellers		8 %	\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000 \$26,858	\$13,615	30.4.29		
Do. (New)	\$6.05 nominal		8 %		50,000	\$10	\$5					
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.	\$21 1/2 sellers		7 %	\$350,000	50,000	\$7	\$7	\$45,000 \$9,732 \$71,069 \$64,425	\$6,231	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 and bonus 25 cents per share a/c. 1928	Jan. 31, 1929
Watson (A. S.) & Co., Ltd.	\$11.80 buyers	+ \$0.10	6 1/2 %	\$1,200,000	120,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000	\$62,044	31.10.27	Div. 80 cts. for year ended 31.10.28	Mar. 28, 1929
William Powell, Limited	\$2 1/2 sellers		8 %	\$34,000	4,000	\$2	\$2	\$10,000	\$5,360	28.2.29	Dividend 25 cents for 28.2.29	June 10, 1929
Lane, Crawford, Ltd.	\$1 1/2 sellers			\$300,000	150,000	\$5	\$5	\$20,000	\$6,142	28.2.29	Div. 30 cts. for year ending 28.2.29	April 24, 1926
H.K. & C'lon Ice Mann. Co., Ltd.	\$2 nominal			\$400,000	40,000	\$10	\$10		\$23,904	31.7.28	none	
H.K. Eng. & Cons. Co., Ltd.	\$1.65 nominal			\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10		\$542,576	31.12.28	none	
China General Omnibus Co., Ltd.	Tls. 14 1/2 buyers		5 %	Tls. 1,000,000	100,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 176,011	Tls. 13,838	31.12.28	Dividend of 6% for 1928	Feb. 21, 1929
Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.	\$25 s. & sa.		8 1/2 %	\$200,000	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$111,352 \$175,000	\$51,862	31.3.28	\$2 1/2 on Preferred, & \$1 1/2 on Deferred	July 24, 1929
Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.	\$7 buyers		3 %	\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$10	\$209,040	\$29,385	31.12.28	Interim of 4% a/c. 1929	Pending
Singapore Traction Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	11/- sellers			\$200,000	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$16,404		30.9.29	5% on Preference shares subject to Income Tax	Feb. 4, 1929
Do. (Pref.)	20/- buyers										\$4 for year ending 28.2.29	June 5, 1929
China Estates, Ltd.	\$98 sellers			\$1,550,000	15,500	\$100	\$100	\$155,500	\$345,455			

b Building Reserve Account.
c Investment Fluctuation Account.
d Depreciation Fund.
e Equalization of Dividend Fund.
f Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account.
g Gold Reserve Fund.
h Insurance Fund.
i Reinsurance Fund.
j Contingency Liability Account.
k Special Reserve Fund.

n Underwriting Account.
o Legal Reserve Fund.
p Repairs and Renewals Account.
q Silver Reserve Fund.
r Underwriting Suspense Account.
s Special Reserve Fund.
t Share Fluctuation Account.
u Extra Reserve Fund.
v Cattle Reserve Fund.
w Reserve for New Plant.

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2) 20,000 shares issued.
3) 250,000 shares issued.
4) 500 shares unissued.
5) 22,277 shares unissued.
6) 205,643 shares unissued.
7) Typhoon and Flood Insurance Fund.
8) 19,387,607 shares issued.
9) 123 shares unissued.
10) 5,000,000 shares issued.
11) 50,000 shares unissued.

13) Cotton Fluctuation Account.
14) 150,000 shares unissued.
15) 100,000 shares unissued.
16) 240,534 shares issued.
17) 200,000 shares issued.
18) 1,000 shares unissued.
19) 2,743 shares unissued.
20) 65,000 shares unissued.
21) 25,000 shares unissued.
22) 600,000 shares unissued.

23) 4,000 shares unissued.
24) 67,540 shares issued.
25) 230,000 shares unissued.
26) 200,000 shares unissued.
27) 70,300 shares issued.
28) 10,422 shares unissued.
29) 140,000 shares fully paid.
30) 34,791 unissued.
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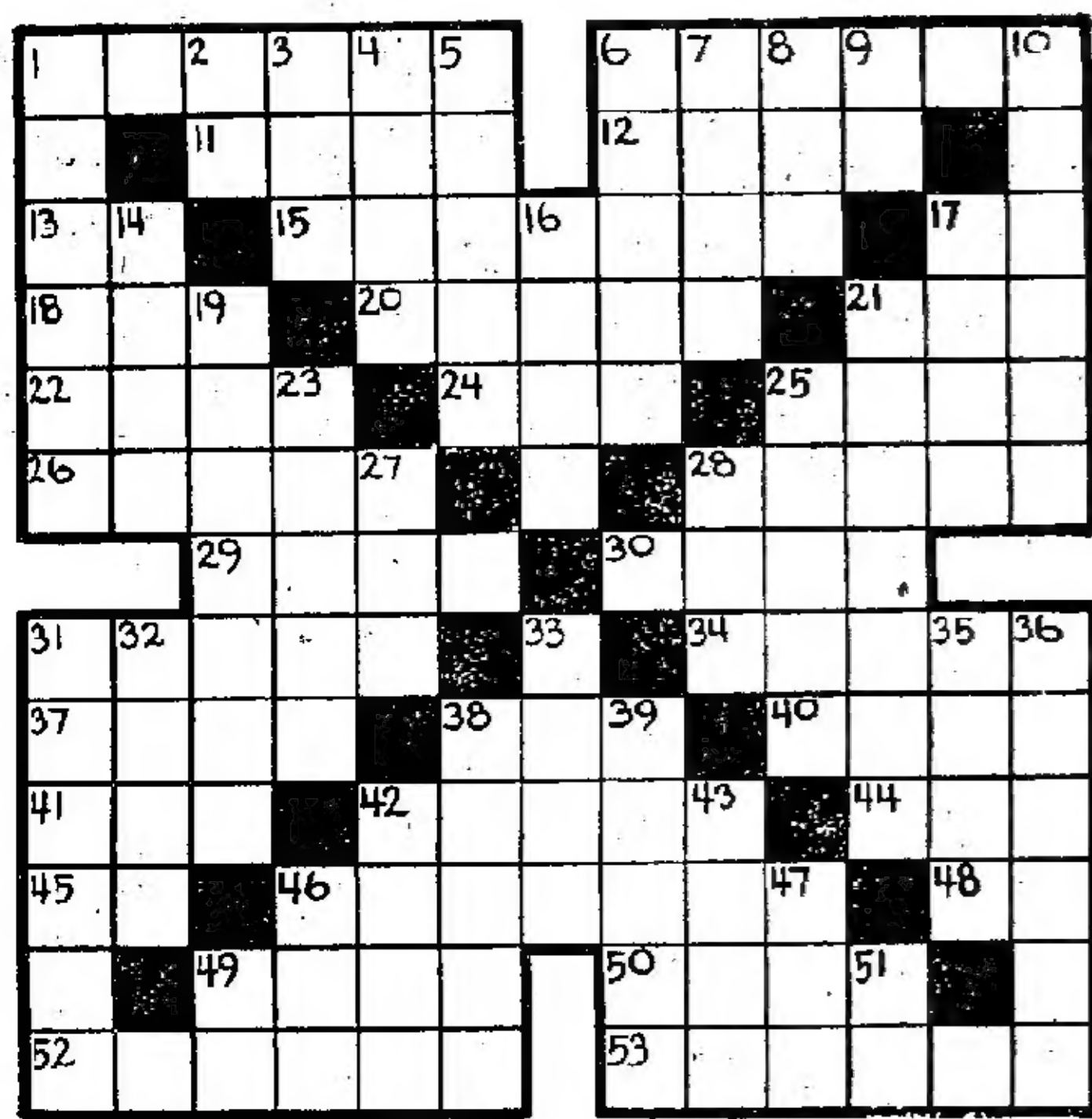
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, place, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Ash
- 6-To pillage
- 11-River in N. France
- 12-River in Germany
- 13-Perform
- 15-Depleted in colors
- 17-Very
- 18-Restrain
- 20-A coalition
- 21-A card game
- 22-River in the Tyrol and Bavaria
- 24-A weight measure (abbr.)
- 25-A cleanser
- 26-The upper air
- 28-Now
- 29-An Israelitish heroine
- 30-To obstruct with sediment
- 31-Flock
- 32-State in Brazil
- 37-Fermented grape juice
- 38-Perched
- 40-A retreat

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-A country (abbr.)
- 42-Squirt
- 44-Perch, as a bird
- 45-Life Guards (abbr.)
- 46-Conveyed
- 48-Musical note
- 49-Prefixed Half
- 50-Tag
- 52-Small musical instrument
- 53-A white fur

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 15-Refined
- 17-Float in the air
- 19-A Chinese game
- 21-Detests
- 23-Rob (Archais)
- 25-Elrd related to the pelicans
- 27-Wild (Scott.)
- 28-Score of human body
- 31-Abides
- 32-A hoop
- 33-Den
- 35-Principal goddess of Egyptian mythology
- 36-Adorn
- 38-Small spar for stretching a sail
- 39-Common
- 42-Identical
- 43-Rend
- 46-Period of time (abbr.)
- 47-Fade
- 49-Prefixed Two
- 51-Long Island (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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E. V. JESSEN,
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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

"MAIL" REVIEWS

LATEST FROM THE PUBLISHERS

["The Piccadilly Ghost," by Eric Spencer; Hodder and Stoughton 7/6.]

To be the heir to a large fortune and then to find it was non-existent would break most men but this did not occur to Stephen Mallows. He obtained a post as reporter on the staff of the "Daily Cry" with every intention of making a success of it. He did; and how he made his name is written in this present volume in such a manner as to make most pleasant and at the same time thrilling reading.

"The Piccadilly Ghost" is proved by Stephen, helped by beginners' luck, to be a person the police have been after for years.

["The Exquisite Lady," by Gerard Fairlie; Hodder and Stoughton 7/6.]

Ian Murray, having spent two long years travelling round the world, arrives at Southampton and spends his first evening at a small village, Bitterne, where he hears news of a peculiar professor living in the neighbourhood.

He arrives in London, visits his bank and finds his account overdrawn as a result of forgeries on the part of his cousin. He also reads a letter addressed to Mr. Murray which refers to the professor and contains information concerning a scientific secret. The next news is that the professor has been murdered and then Ian Murray's adventures begin.

He certainly does have adventures which are well worth reading and make an excellent book.

AUSTRIA AND THE WAR

["Self-Determination For Austria," by Friedrich F. G. Kleinwaechter; George Allen & Unwin Ltd.; price 3/6.]

It is rather late in the day to criticise the reconstruction of Europe, as laid down by the Allied Powers in the Treaty of St. Germain, signed at the conclusion of hostilities in 1918. Yet this is what Herr Kleinwaechter sets out to do, not very successfully, let it be said; in his book. In the first place, his outlook is biased

by very bitter and unjust feelings against the Entente, to which he imputes the meanest of motives and cruel betrayals of trust.

His whole case rests upon the extravagant belief that Austria was the most important enemy Power of the European conflict, and suffered "the entire burden of the last war," which is, of course, an assertion that cannot be substantiated.

He begins by quoting President Wilson's declaration to Congress in January, 1918, in which the President said that the United States entered the War "because violations of right had occurred. What we demand is that the world be made safe for every peace-loving nation . . . the principle of justice to all peoples and nationalities, and their right to live on equal terms of liberty and safety, whether they be strong or weak. Self-determination . . . is an imperative principle which statesmen will henceforth ignore at their peril."

These principles, states Herr Kleinwaechter, were accepted by the people of the United States, as representing its official attitude, "and these principles were also accepted by the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy." This is an altogether remarkable and naive interpretation of President Wilson's address. Does Herr Kleinwaechter honestly believe that when Wilson spoke of "violations of right," he was referring to violations against Austria? Was not the marching of the German army across Belgium rather in his mind?

War Guilt

The question of war guilt is one that will always have different aspects, but Herr Kleinwaechter surely takes a great deal for granted when he asserts that the victors "overlooked the fact that the assertion of the guilt of the German people for the War, which furnished the moral justification for the merciless conditions of peace, cannot be maintained for all eternity. The historians of all nations already know that that assertion was a lie, and the people themselves will soon know it." It is no justification, surely, to say that "the hatred against everything German required that, among all the Austrias nationalities, the Germans should be chosen to bear the responsibility for the War," or to declare that "no consideration was given to the fact that only one of the five members of the

Ministerial Council that issued the ultimatum to Serbia and then declared war was a German."

"A Cruel Betrayal"

The author's case is that President Wilson's declaration, spoken in the names of the Allies was also binding on all the Entente Powers; that when Austria-Hungary accepted these conditions there came into existence between the two belligerents an agreement which was naturally binding on both parties; that, relying on this agreement, Austria-Hungary laid down her arms. He recalls the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy in 1918, and the declaration by the "Austrian Germans" of a new, independent State, the "German-Austrian Republic," by whose law "German Austria was made a constituent part of the German Republic."

Then, because under Article 88 of the Treaty of St. Germain, it was provided that "the independence of Austria is inalienable otherwise than with the consent of the Council of the League of Nations," President Wilson's trust, says the author, was most cruelly betrayed, and the Treaty was a "mockery of the proclaimed right of self-determination." The purpose of the Article, he alleges, was to render impossible the union with the German Reich upon which German Austria had resolved, and "it is typical of the victors' insincerity that they did not dare forbid the Union of German Austria with Germany in so many words, but rather veiled the prohibition with the pretence of maintaining Austria's independence."

Chronicle of Self-Pity

Herr Kleinwaechter's book is a chronicle of self-pity and is certainly not based upon the true facts. He is clearly no historian, but an emotional activist, whose one aim is to see Austria united with Germany, since she cannot, he declares, exist permanently as an independent State, and requires to be associated with a large economic area.

We have no indication whether Herr Kleinwaechter's attitude is representative of his country or whether the majority of Austrians themselves favour a political and economic union with Germany. Even supposing it were so, is Germany herself to have no voice in the matter? Union with Germany might be beneficial to Austria, but would it be so to Germany? At any rate it is significant that no appeal in the matter has been made to the League of Nations by these two countries.

Innocent Wife Commits Suicide



Left, Mynheer Heerman, wife of vicar of Emmen, Holland, who shot herself just as did her counterpart in the novel, "Beautiful Mia," according to local gossip. Right, group of Emmenites busily knitting and discussing the novel that disrupted the local vicar's domestic bliss, and in the center is shown the cover of "Beautiful Mia's Home," the book that started all the trouble when the townsfolk thought they saw a resemblance between the wife in the novel and their own vicar's wife.

Heroine of Book Resembles Vicar's Wife

Through the little village of Emmen, Holland, not long ago ran an awful whisper. In bigger, more sophisticated towns it might not have amounted to more than back-porch gossip. But Emmen is conservative, proud of its strait-laced morality and pious tranquility. The whisper sounded like a shout to stolid Dutch burghers and their wives.

Little groups gathered in the quaint parlours of Emmen. The children were sent off to bed while older folk discussed the scandal that had exploded in the quiet town—discussed it in shocked tones while eagerly gathered round the cause of it all; a novel called "Beautiful Mia's Home," by the outspoken young Amsterdam writer Henk Heiling.

"Beautiful Mia," in the story, was a vicar's wife in a little Dutch village. Emmen's vicar, Jacob Keerman, had a pretty wife, too. Here, however, the similarity ended for anyone who knew the vicar of Emmen and his

wife. For in the book Mia, bored with the monotony of life in the village, allows herself to become infatuated with a young engineer, who is in the town on business. There follows a love affair, glowingly and realistically described by the author. Then the engineer-gallant leaves town—and Mia is in despair.

The novel is brought to a grim conclusion by the suicide of Mia. Just another gloomy novel in the modern manner for the outside world—but a bombshell for Emmen.

The villagers knew, of course, that no hint of scandal had ever touched the vicar's wife. They knew that she was a quiet-voiced, perfectly contented young woman who certainly had given every evidence of being in love with her husband. But the gossip rolled up as gossip does and finally tumbled against the ears of the vicar and his wife.

Then Mynheer Heerman, roused by the prairie fire of talk in the town, brought suit against the author of "Beautiful Mia's Home." It was true that the Heermans

had actually entertained a young engineer in their home some time before and this fact drove the vicar to demand vindication at law.

The action failed; Heiling was cleared of the charges against him and "Beautiful Mia's Home" was characterised as a book about any Dutch village, with entirely fictitious characters.

But a wedge had been entered into the happiness of the flesh-and-blood vicar. In spite of the clear nature of the testimony in court, the Heermans could not erase the suspicion that had touched their home.

At last both realised that they could no longer be happy together. Divorce followed—and still the cruel whisper was not dead in the town. The break in the vicar's family apparently did nothing but increase its virulence.

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From	Per
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.	
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters & Papers, London, 8th Aug.)	Kutsang
Manila	President Jackson
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.	
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 16th August), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft
Australia and Manila	St. Albans
London (Parcels only, Aug. 1) & Straits	Asphalion
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.	
Australia and Manila	Tai Ping
Saigon	Angus
Japan and Shanghai	D'Artagnan
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.	
Swatow	Van Heutsz
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.	
Japan and Shanghai	Morea
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.	

OUTWARD MAILES.

For	Per
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.	
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek 1.30 p.m.
San Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anking 5 p.m.
Manila	President Garfield 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.	
Straits and Calcutta	Penang Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow 9 a.m.
Amoy	Luchow 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.	
Shanghai	Shidzuoka Maru 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Rabaul	Bremerhaven 2.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.	
Hoihow	Kwangtung 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kutsang 10.30 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	D'Artagnan (Due Marseilles, 12th Oct.)
K.P.O.	G.P.O.
Registration, Sept. 10, 1 p.m.	Registration, Sept. 10, 1.45 p.m.
Letters	Letters 2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Angus 2 p.m.
Manila	President Taft 4.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.	
Swatow	Kwai Sang 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kiu Kiang 3.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.	
Straits	Van Heutsz 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Tean 9.30 p.m.

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OUTLAWRY OF WAR PLANS

AGGRESSION VICTIMS

WAR AS INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY

LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENCE

London, Yesterday.
When the League of Nations Assembly this morning resumed its general discussion on the report of the League for the past year Mr. Henderson, the British Foreign Secretary, observed that the League had now become a powerful institution, exercising an ever increasing influence upon the moral and spiritual ideas of the people of the world. He stressed the importance of arbitration for settling international disputes. Arbitration was important on account of the spirit it would create between nations who no longer relied on armed conflict to settle their disputes. That was why Great Britain had decided to sign the optional clause. Britain would be ready, continued Mr. Henderson, to sign the treaty for strengthening the means of preventing war. Britain was ready to sign, as soon as it was ready for signature, a proposal for financial help towards nations who were the victims of aggression, and a third committee should examine the terms of a model treaty for strengthening the means of preventing war.

Mr. Henderson read the draft of a resolution which will shortly be placed before the Assembly by the British delegation.

The resolution proposes that a committee should be appointed to revise Article 12 and 15 of the Covenant, in order to bring them into line with the Kellogg Pact. Mr. Henderson said that the British Government was ready to accept that procedure which might seem the most wise to adopt in this connection provided the main principle was agreed to. Our only purpose, he added, was to bring the Covenant into line with the present situation.

The Kellogg Pact

In regard to Mr. Henderson's statement it may be pointed out that the Kellogg Pact, if shown of the reservations appended to it by certain signatories, would place an absolute ban on war, "As an instrument of national policy," except in a legitimate case of self-defence by the nation which had been attacked. The League of Nations, on the other hand, merely provides under its Articles 12 and 15 that, where an international dispute is submitted to arbitration or judicial settlement, or to inquiry by the League Council, and where the latter fails to reach a unanimous decision on the rights and wrong of the dispute, the individual members of the League are free after three months, from failure to agree, to take such action as they please.—British Wireless Service.

Federation of State

Geneva, Yesterday.
M. Briand in the course of his speech yesterday, vaguely referred to his famous projects for an economic federation of Europe and urged that the delegates should form some link between the various States, and enabling them to act in

COLONY'S FINANCES

WHAT THE MAY STATEMENT DISCLOSES

EXPENSES EXCEED INCOME

The financial statement of the Colonial Treasury as published in the current number of the "Government Gazette" shows that the balance in hand on May 31 totalled \$10,230,049.05.

Expenditure in May amounted to \$1,959,754.04 and revenue came to \$1,825,045.47.

The actual revenue collected up to May 31 this year was \$9,965,237.60 as against \$9,749,143.05 for the same period last year. Actual expenditure up to May 31 was \$7,826,822.42 as against \$8,190,276.47 for the same period last year.

EVE AND HER KNEES

ARTIST'S PRAISE OF ENGLISH BEAUTY

"I am absolutely against the movement which seems to be on foot to make English women refrain from exhibiting their legs. 'I think they should show their knees, for they have no reason for hiding them. The American girls can also show their knees with impunity, for they are descended from the English and inherit their beauty.'"

Thus, Senor Federico Beltran-Masas, the Spanish portrait painter, who arrived in London in mail week. An exhibition of his work has been opened by the Spanish Ambassador at the New Burlington Galleries.

He thinks the English woman the most beautiful in the world. "She is," he said, "surrounded by an air of distinction which draws her apart from the women of all other nations."

common in a grave emergency, while retaining their individual sovereignty.

It was stated to-day that M. Briand intends to invite the heads of the European delegations to confer with him next week about establishment of a European federation. It is understood that he will propose the appointment of a committee to examine the scheme and to submit their proposals to the League at the next Assembly.

Sessions Reduced

Geneva, Later.
The League Council has decided to reduce the sessions from four to three annually subject to reconsideration if the change worked unsatisfactorily.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.

The New York "Evening Post" says that America has addressed a new Note on the cruiser question to Great Britain.

Earlier Cables
Sir Robert Vansittart, Mr. MacDonald's private secretary, has seen President Hoover.—Reuter's American Service.

Paris, Yesterday.

Mr. MacDonald, interviewed by Reuter on his arrival this morning from Geneva, said he was most satisfied with the results obtained so far at Geneva.

The Premier is accompanied by his daughter Isabel.—Reuter.

6 CENTURIES IN HOME CRICKET

HOBBS' STRING OF 3

WOOLLEY CONTINUING AFTER 100 MARK

END OF THE SEASON MATCHES

Jack Hobbs, one of the greatest batsmen of his time, has scored another century, this being the third in successive matches.

Frank Woolley, the Kent left-hander, reached 100 centuries in first-class cricket last Saturday. He has collected two more this week, in consecutive games, and appears to be continuing in spite of having reached the distinguished mark common only to W. G. Grace, Tom Hayward, Jack Hobbs, C. P. Mead and Paby Hendren.

Mention of Hendren draws attention to the fact that he has compiled another three-figure score, this coming after one in the preceding game this week.

Three were only two first-matches completed yesterday, both of "end-of-the-season festival" character, but six centuries were recorded.

At Scarborough

London, Yesterday.
In the first match of the Scarborough festival, Mr. C. I. Thornton's XI. (including more than one "Test" "day") played an exciting draw against the South Africans who recovered well. Scores:—

Mr. Thornton's XI. (1st innings) 388 runs; Hobbs (Sussex) made 151, Hendren (Middlesex 114); (2nd innings) 130 runs for 3 wickets, declared.

South Africans (1st innings) 211 runs; (2nd innings) 273 runs for 3 wickets.

With two wickets to fall, the visitors required 34 runs to tie.

Folkestone Match

In the Folkestone festival, Kent defeated the M.C.C. by 140 runs after being 112 behind on the 1st innings. Scores:—

Kent (1st innings) 206 runs; Kennedy (Hants.) took 5 wickets for 59 runs; (2nd innings) 513 runs for 9 wickets, declared; C. P. Johnstone (the amateur on leave from India) made 100 not out.

Woolley, E. E. made 142.

M.C.C. (1st innings) 313 runs; Hearne (Middlesex) made 104; (2nd innings) 261 runs; Lee, H. W. (Middlesex) made 184.

—Reuter.

BAD LUCK

ANTARCTIC HERO NOW A BARMAN

EXPLORER'S MISFORTUNES

Johannesburg, July 18.

Commander Frank Wild, former R.N. officer who accompanied five expeditions to the Antarctic, is now a barmen at an hotel in the village of Goller, the most northerly point of the Zululand railway.

He is earning £4 a month. For four years he has been struggling against troubles more crushing than he met in his years among the ice. He invested all his capital in cotton farming, and has lost it.

Drought ruined most of his fellow farmers, and he was the last to give up. His misfortunes have not damped his cheery spirit, but he is anxious to secure a position nearer the coast.

Descendant of Capt. Cook

Commander Wild is descended from Capt. Cook, and he has all that great navigator's love for the perils and hardships of long voyages.

He was with Mawson on his expedition between 1911 and 1912. He was born in 1874 at Skelton, Yorks, entered the merchant service in his youth, and joined the Navy in 1900.

Commander Wild accompanied Scott in the "Discovery" in the next year, and was with Scott's expedition until 1904. His next visit to southern ice was with Shackleton's expedition, 1907-1909.

Then followed Mawson's expedition, and he was second in command of Shackleton's trans-Antarctic expedition, 1914-1917.

Rescued Borneo Plasterer's Widow

On his return he was sent to the Northern Russian front. While there he had a number of stirring adventures, culminating in the rescue of Mrs. Granville Alhman, widow of a Borneo planter, who had been stranded by the Bolshevik revolution.

With Wild's aid, she left the country, and five years later they were married. Wild accompanied Shackleton on his last voyage in the "Quest" in 1921, once more as second in command. On his leader's death at the start of the cruise, he succeeded as commander.

By May of next year Wild had driven the "Quest" through 6,000 miles of Antarctic ice, 2,800 of which were through heavy pack ice.

In the days before his misfortunes Wild's estate in Zululand was named after the vessel with which he spent so many of his days—the Quest.

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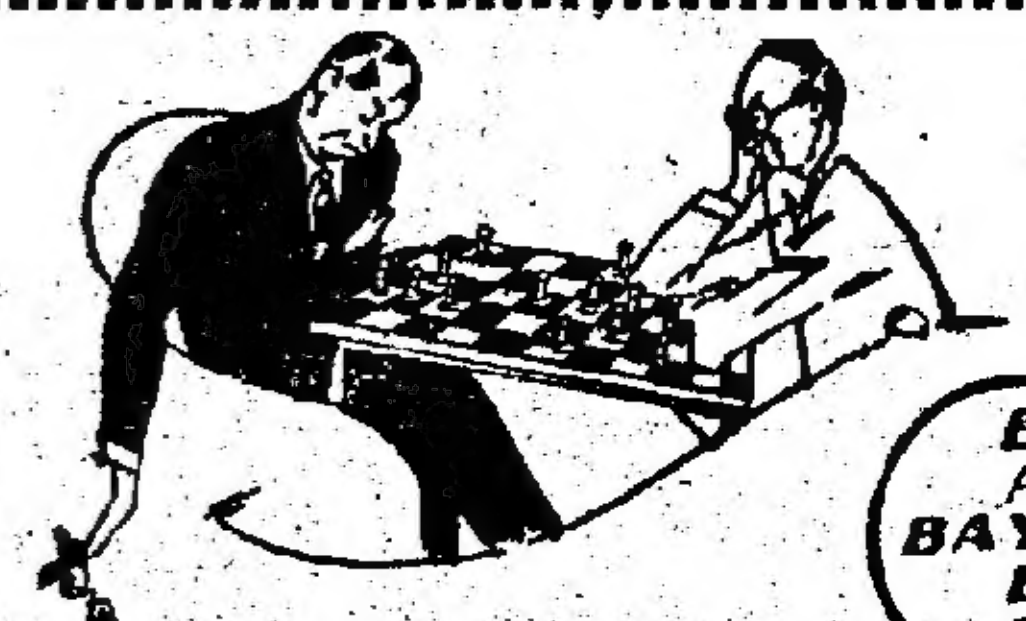
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